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RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, DESERTS: LANDS IN SCOTLAND



Rudolf Hess, Hitler's Deputy,
who has deserted the Nazis.

Nazis Rush Statement Alleging Mental Disorder

LEAVING BEHIND A FAREWELL NOTE, RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, HAS FLED FROM GERMANY AND IS NOW IN SCOTLAND. HE CRASHED FROM A GERMAN FIGHTER WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY, WOULD NOT HAVE HAD ENOUGH PETROL TO RETURN TO GERMANY.

The most amazing story of the war was told last night in a communique from No. 10, Downing Street, a few hours after Berlin had attempted to anticipate the news by stating that Hess had left a note showing traces of mental disorder and had either committed suicide or fallen from a plane.

Hess, who broke his ankle when he landed, brought photographs of himself at different ages to establish his identity, and has been recognised by several people who knew him well.

A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL HAS FLOWN TO GLASGOW TO SEE HIM IN HOSPITAL.

Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, was present at the Ministry last night when this remarkable announcement was read to representatives of the world's press in a tense atmosphere.

The earlier German announcement was obviously breaking the news to Germans that Hitler's "shadow" and successor-designate after Goering, had disappeared.

The Berlin Statement said Hitler had ordered the arrest of Hess's adjutants, for not preventing or reporting his flight, and there were several attempts to suggest that Hess was suffering from mental disorder.

The following statement was issued from 10, Downing Street, at 11 o'clock last night:—

"RUDOLF HESS, DEPUTY FUEHRER OF GERMANY AND PARTY LEADER OF THE NATIONAL-SOCIALISTS, HAS LANDED IN SCOTLAND IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES.

"ON THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY, MAY 10, HE LEFT AUGSBURG, BAVARIA, IN AN AEROPLANE FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION AND LANDED BY PARACHUTE IN SCOTLAND, SUSTAINING A BROKEN ANKLE, NECESSITATING HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

"WHEN HE WAS TAKEN HE GAVE HIS NAME AS HORN BUT LATER ON HE DECLARED HE WAS RUDOLF HESS.

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and military objectives. Fire from shore batteries was ineffective, as were also repeated attacks by enemy dive-bombers.

No casualties or damage were sustained by any British ships.—Reuter.

PLACE OF FORMOSA IN SCHEME

Formosa is to be the "heart" of Japan's "southward movement," according to Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Governor-General of Formosa.

He is quoted in a despatch from Moji, the Japanese seaport, as saying that with this object "facilities for the industrialisation of Formosa will be completed as soon as other measures being carried out are ended."—Reuter.

LONDON NIGHT OF PEACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Britain's battered capital yesterday was wrapped in silence, in welcome contrast to the fearful bombing of Saturday night and Sunday morning, which reduced whole blocks to smoking ruins and crippled some of the world's outstanding historical edifices.

The stricken city, harbouring hundreds of killed or wounded and thousands of homeless, was given a surcease from suffering in a quiet night.

The sirens wailed three times but no bombs were dropped.

British night fighters intercepted and fought new battles with Nazi bombers which, however, failed to appear over London.—International News Service.

Alert But No Bombs

Before midnight an alert was sounded in the London area last night but for sometime afterwards no raiders were heard overhead.

No Big Attack

Enemy bombers on Sunday night were reported over widely separated districts of Britain and some bombs were dropped but it appeared unlikely that a big scale attack would develop in any area. The all clear sounded in London in the early morning.—Reuter.

FRANCO MOVES AGAIN

Following his recent far-reaching administrative changes, General Franco yesterday issued a number of decrees making changes in high Army posts.

These include the appointment of General Asencio Cabanillas, hitherto High Commissioner to Spanish Morocco, to be Chief of Staff.

A new Commander-in-Chief, Balearic Islands, is also appointed, General Gonzalez replacing General Kindelan, who takes command of the fourth region of Spain.

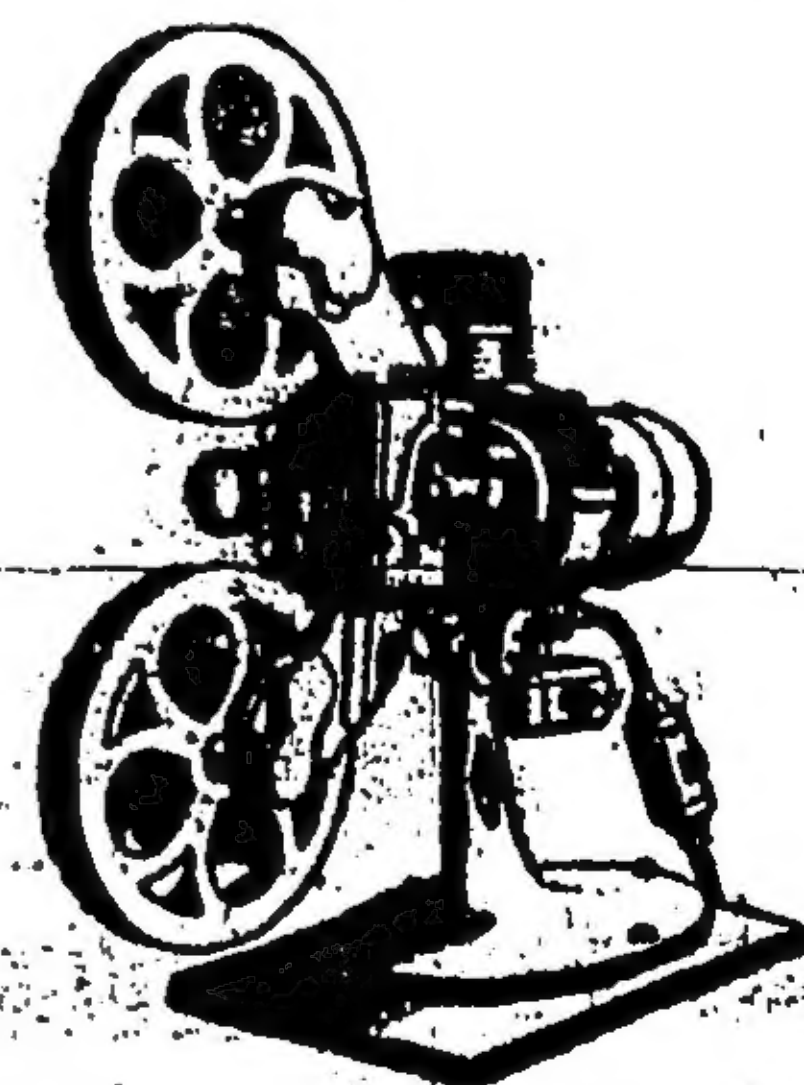
General Miguel Ponte, hitherto general commanding the army in Morocco, is made Captain-General.—Reuter.

BENGHAZI SHELLED

During Saturday night powerful units of British light forces carried out an intense bombardment of Benghazi from point-blank range, states an Admiralty communique issued yesterday.

Damage was caused to shipping

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
THE BIGGEST BRITISH BLOW YET DELIVERED OVER A SINGLE GERMAN CITY HAS TRANSFORMED THE LARGE INDUSTRIAL AND WATERFRONT DISTRICTS OF HAMBURG INTO A BLAZING SHAMBLES.

Thousands of high explosive and incendiary bombs were rained down for hours by at least 200 British bombers on Germany's main seaport.

Pilots said demolition bombs squarely hit German warships and two supply vessels, while veteran flyers taking part in the raid declared the havoc was the worst they had ever seen.

It is hinted in London that giant American four-motored bombers were used in the raid.

Before Hamburg could recover from the impact of Saturday's attacks, yet another strong force of British bombers were despatched last night to continue the destruction and disorganisation of this great seaport.

The vast expanse of docks and shipbuilding yards, nine miles long, lines the banks of the Elbe, were flooded and crisscrossed by fire. The Air Ministry announced that the town was also vigorously attacked.

"Equally Successful"

The weather at Bremen, which was the night's other main target, was equally fine.

A pilot said "It was the kind of night when only the bomber could be blamed if we missed the target."

The attack on Bremen was as heavy as that on Hamburg and, says the Air Ministry, "equally successful." — Reuter.

COLONIAL WELFARE OFFICER

The Secretary of State has appointed a Welfare Officer in the Colonial Office whose duty it will be to make arrangements for the welfare of residents of the colonies who are living in or visiting the United Kingdom.

This officer will be especially concerned with the well-being of students, seamen and those who go to the United Kingdom to join His Majesty's forces or to undertake war work, and will work in cooperation with existing Government and other agencies.

The officer selected for this post is Mr. J. L. Keith, late of the Northern Rhodesian Administrative Service. Mr. Keith will be assisted in that part of his work which relates to Africa and the West Indies by Mr. I. G. Cummings, an African from Sierra Leone, who is at present Secretary to Aggrey House.

HITLER ANNOYED?

The Berlin and Bari radio stations which, during the past week, have devoted their six daily transmissions in Arabic almost entirely to the Iraqi rebellion, last Sunday night abruptly ceased all reference to the Iraqi usurper, Raschid Ali, and confined themselves mainly to reading a rebel communique.

Well-informed persons in Cairo express the opinion that Hitler cannot tolerate an unsuccessful

ROOSEVELT, MENZIES IN LONG TALK

Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, had an hour's bedside talk with President Roosevelt after which Mr. Menzies told pressmen that "there were few things we did not talk about; we circumnavigated the world and it was a stimulating journey."

The Australian Minister, Mr. Casey, who accompanied Mr. Menzies, said that they talked of matters of the "past, present, and future."

Mr. Menzies brought no message from Mr. Winston Churchill to President Roosevelt, but said that he conveyed verbal personal greetings. — Reuter.

CONTROL OF PHILIPPINES WAR SUPPLIES

Legislation designed to stop the supply to the Axis powers of war materials produced in the Philippines was unanimously approved by the Military Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday.

It would empower President Roosevelt to control the export of defence materials including Philippine products. — Reuter.

QUIET DAY ON THE STOCK MARKET

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was quiet but values generally were maintained. Gilt-edged were mainly steady, movements of industrials were small and home rails remained unchanged. De Beers continued strong due to a shortage of stock, and among foreign issues Iraq 4½ per cent yesterday were quoted at 84½ compared with 83. Oils were quiet, with Anglo-Iranian slightly easier. Wall Street was

Nine Shot Down On Sunday

"It is now known that in Sunday night's attack on this country a total of nine enemy aircraft were destroyed," says last night's Air Ministry communique.

It added there was very little enemy activity over Britain during daylight yesterday.

Early yesterday morning bombs were dropped at a point on the south-east coast, doing little damage and causing no casualties. — Reuter.

WAICHOW CAPTURE CLAIMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The Japanese claim to have cut another route for supplies to the Chinese Government at Chungking.

Claims are made in an official Japanese announcement in Canton which says that Japanese army and navy forces yesterday afternoon almost simultaneously captured the towns of Waichow and Poklo, both of which are to the south-east of Canton.

Waichow, which has 60,000 inhabitants, is at the confluence of the East and Mitangshui Rivers.

Poklo was taken by the Japanese when they attacked Canton but was later abandoned as being unimportant. — Reuter Special.

REFUGEES FROM IRAQ IN BOMBAY

The majority of British women and children evacuated from Iraq have now reached Bombay, according to a communique issued by the Bombay Government yesterday.

So far 80 children have arrived, the majority of them being very young. — Reuter.

BIG ORDER PLACED IN INDIA

Arrangements are being made with a firm in India for the supply of 3,500,000 sanitary cans, conforming to British standard specifications, it was stated in Simla yesterday. These cans can be used for foodstuffs, for which the Middle East has placed an order in India. — Reuter.

HUGE SHIP BUILDING EFFORT BY U.S.

Eighty per cent of the total tonnage so far lost by the Allies, according to Admiralty figures, is at present under contract or construction in United States shipyards, according to figures issued yesterday by the American Bureau of Shipping.

The figures are 800 ships totalling 5,055,400 tons on May 1. — Reuter.

ARGENTINE AND NAZI REGIME

"We want no regimes which are against liberty, human dignity and Christ," declared Dr. B. E. Alvear, ex-President of the Argentine Republic and leader of the Liberals, addressing a Radical Party Convention in Buenos Aires yesterday.

The Convention is celebrating the 137th anniversary of the Argentine Assembly's adoption of the song "Liberty" as the National Anthem.

Denouncing Argentinians "who now clamour for neutrality," Dr. Alvear said they were some of the people who, some time ago, thought they could make trouble over the Falkland Islands, but that quest on had never ruffled Anglo-Argentinian relations and some day would be settled in the friendliest way. — Reuter.

President Feels "Fine"

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS "FEELING FINE," ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

Although stiff and weak from the effects of his recent stomach trouble the President was well enough yesterday to receive the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies. — Reuter.

MILITARY CONTROL IN RUMANIA

A further 17 enterprises, including the Rumanian Danube shipping company, have been brought under military control by a decree of the Rumanian Government, according to a Bucharest despatch to Berlin yesterday quoted by Reuter.

EVIDENCES OF FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITY IN IRAQ

A VIVID ACCOUNT of widespread Fifth Column activities by enemy agents in Iraq, which led to the outbreak of hostilities between the British and the Raschid Ali clique, was given yesterday by two Mexican artistes who have arrived in Bombay from Basra.

The artistes, who had been in Iraq six months, said they could detect no anti-British feeling among the people when they went to the country.

Majority of the people of Iraq looked at the coup d'état by Raschid Ali with a good deal of suspicion and uneasiness. They could never expect the new regime actually to involve them in war with the British.

Baghdad was a hotbed of espionage and enemy propaganda, according to the artistes.

Casino Women

In a certain casino in Baghdad there were a large number of women of foreign nationalities who passed off as artistes but who could neither sing nor dance. It was generally believed some of them at least were engaged in political espionage.

The Mexican artistes actually left Basra the day Raschid Ali's forces started hostilities at Habbaniyah. They are firmly convinced that widespread Fifth Column activity was mainly responsible for the present trouble in Iraq. — Reuter.

MOSCOW CONDEMNS RASCHID

Moscow radio on Sunday night sharply criticised the attitude of Raschid Ali, the Iraqi usurper, according to Ankara reports received in Cairo yesterday.

In a broadcast for Rumania, the announcer is stated to have described the Iraqi rebels as "instruments of foreign powers." It is understood that no reply has yet been received from Raschid Ali to Egypt's offer to mediate in the dispute with Britain. — Reuter.

PARLIAMENT'S NEW HOME READY

Has Been In Use Several Times

(By Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent)

The extensive damage done to the House of Commons will make necessary the use of a replica of that Chamber which has existed elsewhere for some time past and which actually has been used on a number of occasions for full meetings of the Commons.

The reserve Chamber is smaller than the original Commons. The Speaker's chair, the green benches and gangways familiar to visitors to the old Commons, are reproduced in form, though the familiar green leather is replaced by green cloth.

SAVED FROM FLAMES

Chaplain Enters Blazing 'Plane

A chaplain's bravery in plunging into the blazing wreckage of a crashed 'plane in which machine-gun bullets were exploding is one of several similar cases of rescue work recognised in the latest list of R.A.F. awards.

The chaplain, the Rev. Stanley Wm. Harrison, who receives the George Medal, dragged two members of a 'plane's crew from burning debris and assisted to remove a third.

Flt. Off. K. L. G. Nobbs entered the wreckage of a 'plane which caught fire in the air. He pulled out the trapped air gunner, although machine-gun bullets were exploding, and carried him to a safe distance just before the petrol tanks exploded. The gunner died of his injuries. Flt. Off. Nobbs receives the George Medal.

Shielded With Body

A crash at Kamaran Island Arabia, led to the award of the George Medal to Ldg. Aircraftman David Nelson, a former chauffeur of Belfast. He shielded an injured air gunner from flying debris with his own body. Then he rescued the injured observer.

Again he faced the flames and exploding Very lights and bullets in an attempt to save the pilot. Pilot Off. J. T. Davison, of the New Zealand Air Force, receives the George Medal and Sgt. G. W. Brazier the medal of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire for the rescue of a gunner after a crash landing of a 'plane.

The machine was damaged in an attack on armed merchant vessels off the Danish coast. Pilot Off. Davison was wounded in the attack, but flew the aircraft back safely. When the 'plane landed a bomb exploded, setting the machine ablaze.

Barefoot Dash

Sgt. Alfred W. Wood chief figure in a rescue after the descent of a 'plane on heavy seas off the north-west coast of Ireland, gets the medal of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire.

Sgt. Wood dived into the sea again to support an officer. Other George Medal awards go to Flt. Lt. Donald Cecil Smythe, Pilot Off. Gerard Ryder and Wd.

SPAIN AND VICHY IN CONSULTATION

The French Ambassador in Madrid, M. Pietri, returned to Spain yesterday from Vichy where he had a talk with Marshal Petain.—Reuter.

Italian Morale Lowered

Despite bad weather the British forces in the southern sector of Abyssinia are following up their successes while strong pressure is being maintained by columns operating south of Addis Ababa.

The enemy's morale, according to reports received in Nairobi yesterday, is being shaken by ground strafing by the South African Air Force and attacks of various Patriot armies directed against the Italian flank and rear.—Reuter.



Big Ben, damaged, but still chiming out the time for Londoners and the B.B.C.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY INTACT STRUCTURALLY

SURROUNDED BY RUINS, West Minister Abbey to-day is structurally intact.

Examination shows that the roof was not irretrievably damaged and the organ, one of the finest in the country, is undamaged.

Four of the ancient stone arches of the Little Cloister have been damaged by fire.

Abbey music, the library and priceless parchments, and also the famous Coronation Stone, had been removed some time ago to places of safety.

Yesterday, when workmen were busy putting a temporary cover over a hole in the roof, was the anniversary of the Coronation.

Where Their Majesties the King and Queen sat in their Coronation robes beneath a lantern which is now open to the sky, was a heap of rubble and broken wood.

The seats then occupied by Peers and Peersesses and high officers of State in their colourful robes and uniforms were thick with dust which has covered everything.

THE SCENE TO-DAY IS INDEED A STARK CONTRAST TO THAT DAY FOUR YEARS AGO.—REUTER.

BISHOP'S BEQUEST TO FINANCE

Dr. Cyril Bardsley, 70-year-old former Bishop of Leicester, who died last December, left the residue of his estate to Miss Joan Bayldon, of Crowhurst, Sussex, "with whom he contemplated marriage."

He left £11,642, net personalty £9,252. He bequeathed £4,500 on trust for his adopted daughter, Edith M. O'Connor, and the residue to Miss Bayldon.

The engagement of Dr. Bardsley and Miss Bayldon was announced last November, some months after his retirement. They were to have been married in January. Dr. Bardsley's wife died in 1932. Miss Bayldon is an ambulance driver with Tunbridge Wells A.R.P. group.

LOST HER LEGS, WON PLACE IN HOSPITAL

Cathleen Whelan tried out her new legs recently with stiff, faltering steps she made her way across the room supporting herself on two sticks.

"I can walk," she murmured. "Now I can get back to work again."

That has been her one thought since the night five months ago when a bomb fell on her London home. Rescue workers found her trapped by her legs under debris.

They freed her and she was taken to a hospital where for years she had been employed as a ward orderly.

After her legs had been amputated her courage helped her to survive.

From the day she was well enough to sit up, she has cheered the other patients in her ward at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, S. W.

"All I hope is that they will let me have my old job back at the hospital," she said.

"In the five years I was there I grew to love my work and being able to help the patients."

Her mother in Cardiff didn't know what had happened until a month ago. Cathleen told her she had "met with a slight accident."

Cathleen will go back to the hospital. They want her back. It may not be in her old job, but plans are being made to find a place for her there.

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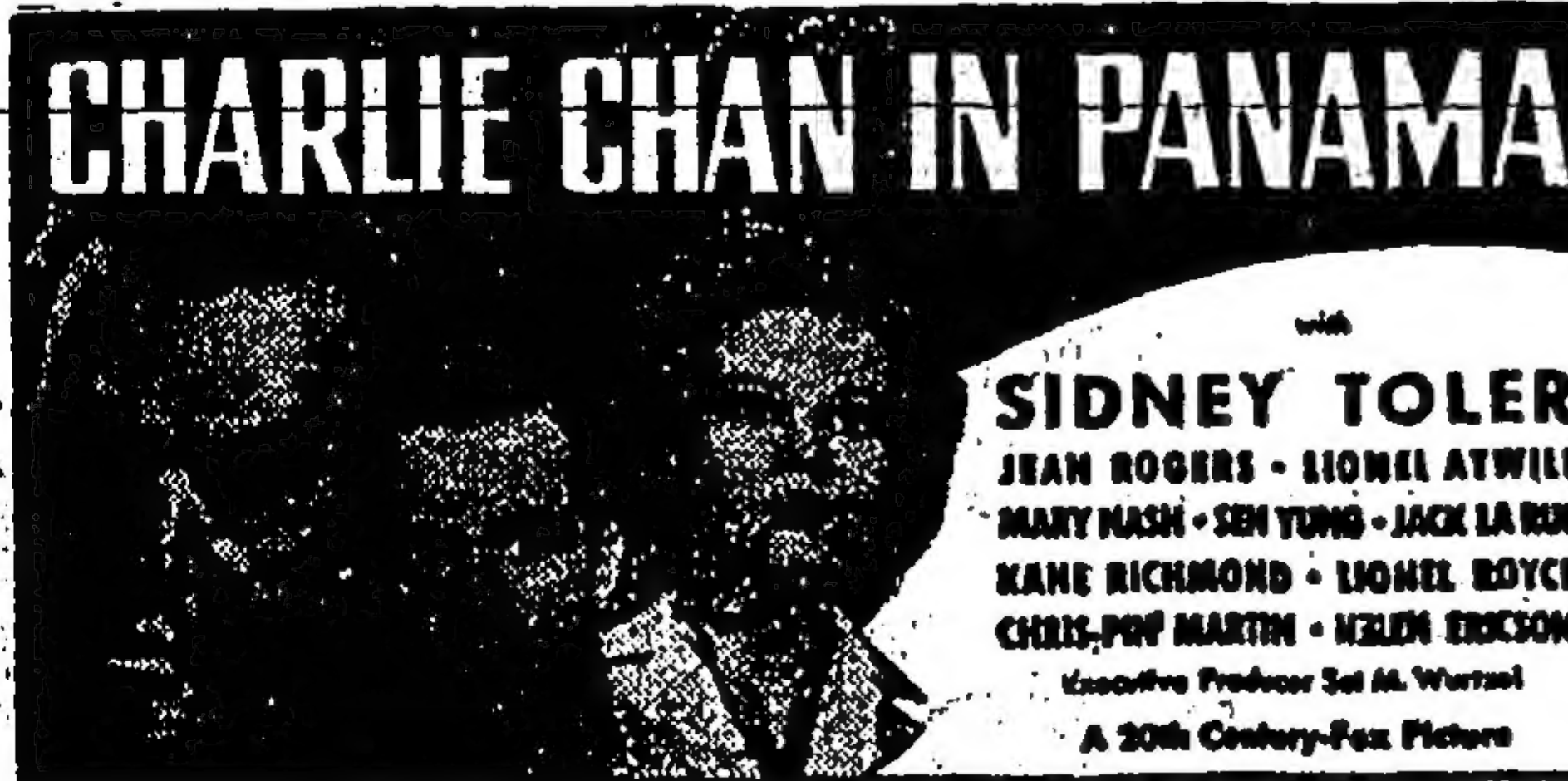
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AMAZING NORWEGIAN DEMONSTRATION

LOFOTEN FISHERMEN have threatened to destroy their nets and cease fishing altogether if any more of their houses are destroyed by the Germans who are burning them as reprisals for the British raid, it was learned in London yesterday.

An amazing demonstration of Norwegian solidarity with the British occurred at a recent funeral of three British airmen shot down during a raid.

Although the lonely island was chosen for the burial and the date and place were kept secret, it leaked out and was passed on by word of mouth.

When the cortege arrived at the tiny island, the Germans were astonished to find that hundreds of people who had crossed in scores of small boats, were lining the graveside, according to a message to the Norwegian Telegraph Agency. - Reuter.

BABY JANET IS PET OF- THE SHELTER

Every night two nurses and a doctor call to see how three-month old Janet Hookins is faring. If she cries or coughs they are quickly on the spot.

Pampered Janet is one of Britain's "helmet babies." Ten days after she was born she was taken to the Tube shelter at Tooting Broadway, S.W. by her parents.

Since then she has spent every night of her life there, sleeping soundly while trains roar through, undisturbed by bright lights. The shelterers have adopted her as their mascot.

At Christmas the shelter marshals clubbed together and bought Janet a woolly romper suit.

"We are all very fond of little Janet, and as she is the youngest of us everyone makes a fuss of her," Mr. J. Cottrill, one of the marshals told the "Daily Mirror." "The nurses and doctor keep a close watch on her. She seems to be thriving."

Each day Janet's mother, Mrs. D. Hookins, wife of a labourer, takes her for an airing.

SAYS TAKE OVER SLUMS

Because some condemned slum property has been let to blitz refugees at substantial rents, Axbridge, Somerset, Rural Council is considering a recommendation by its surveyor that they should requisition all such property.

"When cottages are condemned, they pass out of the control of the landlord and should be used only by permission of the local authority," said the surveyor, Mr. H. R. Day.

"It is not right or fair that they should be let to bombed-out families at a profit."

"If the accommodation emergency makes it necessary, it is for the council to bring condemned property up to an emergency standard of hygiene before it can be used, even temporarily."

Mr. G. J. Dyer, a member of the Council, said: "If there had been no profit in letting this property, we should have had none of these complaints."

LOOTERS COST HIM MORE THAN BOMBS

A London trader whose premises have twice suffered through bombs has been robbed by looters on each occasion.

"I have lost more through looting than by war damage," said Mr. Lambert, the manager.

"A bomb dropped near the premises some months ago and caused some damage. Before it could be repaired thieves robbed us of goods worth pounds more than the cost of the damage."

"Then a bomb fell behind the premises early this year and once more, looters took goods."

SOVIET PRAISE FOR STALIN

Pravda, commenting on the second anniversary of the 18th party congress, declares that the past two years has brilliantly confirmed the rightness of the past two years has brilliantly confirmed the rightness of the policy abroad and at home, approved then and applied since under Stalin's leadership.

It was then Stalin made his last great pronouncement on policy, recalling that speech, "Pravda" writes, "The main expectations of warmongers were built on getting Russia into the war, forcing her to fight in the interests of Anglo-French capitalists."

"Comrade Stalin divined this plot of imperialists, and stressed as the one main aim of foreign policy to be careful not to let our country be involved in conflicts by provocateurs who are accustomed to using cutspaws."

Stalin's policy, "Pravda" points out, not only succeeded in guaranteeing the safety of the Soviet frontiers but of their extension. This was the biggest victory for the party's policy.

WOMAN DETECTIVE MARRIES

Miss Katharine Sanderson, a young woman detective, whom members of the Special Branch at Scotland Yard described as brilliant, was married at the Scottish National Church, Crown-court, Covent Garden, to P.C. Alexander Mackay, of Strathpeffer.

Miss Sanderson, who comes from Cheshire, was attached to the Special Branch when the I.R.A. outrages began in Britain. She trailed two of the leaders and was one of the women detectives referred to as "Miss A" and "Miss B" during the trial at the Old Bailey.

When the war began she carried out many important secret inquiries for the Yard. She resigned her position in view of her marriage.

FORMER VICAR TO PAY WIFE 1/- A WEEK

Summoned by his wife at Leicester for desertion, Dr. Samuel Shannon, a former vicar of St. Luke's Church, Leicester, was ordered to pay her 1s. a week.

The case had been adjourned for six weeks, it being stated at the first hearing that Dr. Shannon was bringing divorce proceedings against his wife.

"I intend to go on with the divorce if I can get the money," Dr. Shannon said.

FRENCH GRAIN CROP RUINED?

Moscow radio said yesterday that half the grain crop in unoccupied France has been destroyed owing to late frost, according to a Reuter despatch from the Soviet capital this morning.

HOURS UNDER DEBRIS

Aged Invalid's Rescue

It was officially announced that later reports that casualties in London in a recent air raid were larger than was at first supposed and included a number of people killed.

The remarkable experience in this raid of an aged woman was related.

Mrs. Payne, 83 years old and for 35 years an invalid, lived until this raid on the ground floor of a little house. She was sitting in her kitchen, when a German bomb demolished her home, together with other houses.

Several hours after the bomb was dropped, she was brought out of the debris alive by rescue workers who had heard her feeble voice calling for help.

"It is the old ones, who are used to pain, who seem to bear it best," Mr. A. Bryce, member of a rescue squad who finally got her out, remarked. "Even after her terrible ordeal she was still able to talk, though her voice was very faint 'Am I safe at last?' she asked me."

Next night she was in hospital and her condition was reported to be serious.

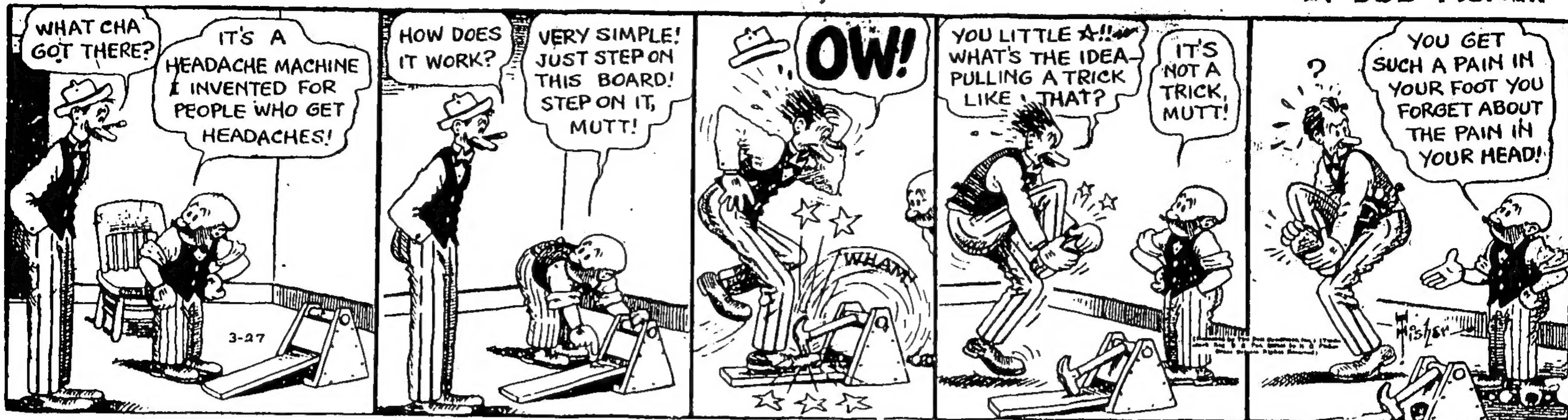
Mrs. Payne might have died undiscovered under the wreckage had not Mr. A. Cannon, who lived above her, been out fire-watching.

"I was on patrol in the street when the bomb dropped," he said "My first thought was for my mother and my sisters who were at home. Thank God, they are alive, though my mother is on the danger list."

"When my family was safe, I thought of the old woman who lived below us. I knew she scarcely ever left her kitchen, as she could not move about much, so I told the rescue workers who found her."

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FIREMEN COBBLE FOR BOMBED-OUT

(By A Special Correspondent)

YOU CAN'T KEEP these London Fire Service boys down. They've started mending shoes now — in their spare time.

Regularly every week, about eighty of them spend a couple of hours making old boots and shoes serviceable again for people bombed from their homes.

Big shoes, little shoes, men's,

NEW STREAMLINED LOCOMOTIVE

An "air-smoothed" locomotive, built for the Southern Railway by its chief mechanical engineer, Mr. O.V. Bulleid, was named at the Eastleigh works by Col. Moore-Brabazon, Minister of Transport.

This is the first of a class of 10 streamlined engines being built experimentally for heavy express passenger and goods service on the Southern. It is also the first English locomotive to have electric lighting both for head and tail lamps and for the gauges and inspection lights in the driver's cabin. Except for small windows to the latter, the engine casing and tender, electrically welded, are completely streamlined, and there is no visible chimney.

women's, children's, it doesn't matter. They all come alike to these firemen cobblers.

And it's no botched-up job they turn out, either. Every one of the men has been trained by Mr. John H. Wallis, L.C.C. instructor at Bermondsey N.C.O.'s Institute.

It all started when Mr. A. E. Hill, head of the institute, suggested giving the Mayor of Bermondsey a helping hand with the old boots and shoes sent to him for the relief of distress among blitzed families.

"Show Us How"

He asked the firemen quartered in a sub-station underneath the Institute if they would like to help.

"Sure we will. Show us how to do it. When do we start?" they chorused.

Mr. Wallis showed them. Now between forty and eighty pairs of boots and shoes a week are made serviceable by the men.

Materials for the repairs are paid for from the Mayor's air-raid relief fund. Ns.5to(rwhs)

KILLED IN RUSH FOR BUS

A boy of ten was trampled to death when a crowd of nearly one hundred people stampeded for a bus in Carlisle.

As the bus drew up at the stopping place, the crowd pressed forward to meet it.

The boy tried to get on it, but was dragged underneath. The crowd, under the impression that they were going to be left behind, rushed over him as he fell.

The dead child was David Hutton, of Deer Park Road, Carlisle. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned at the inquest.

The accident occurred in the Carlisle suburb of Stanwix.

Doris Burns, the conductress of the bus, said: "Adults rushed to get on the bus and trampled over the boy."

"Children are usually pushed out of the road to let adults in," she added. She admitted that she had never reported this position to the bus company.

Thousands Of Evacuees

The presence of thousands of child and adult evacuees in the reception area had increased traffic congestion, it was explained to the coroner.

"A difficult and disquieting state of affairs exists at this and many other stopping places," was the coroner's comment.

He undertook to suggest to the authorities that, pending action by the Traffic Commissioners, there should be control of the passengers by the police or by someone acting under police direction.

MR. WINANT'S WAR-TIME LUNCH

Mr. John G. Winant, the new United States Ambassador, had soup, omelette and black coffee for lunch yesterday. I had hors d'oeuvre, celery, Russian salad, (carrots and anchovy), boiled chicken with rice and cauliflower, and apple flan with cream, writes a London reporter.

We lunched at neighbouring tables at the Savoy Hotel, both obedient to Lord Woolton's Restrictions on Meals in Establishments order, which came into force yesterday. Neither of us ate more than we were allowed of the more substantial dishes, but the order did not stop me from eating too much.

In fact, it made no difference to meals in restaurants which have observed the "gentlemen's agreement" drawn up between caterers and the Ministry of Food some time ago. It defines main and subsidiary dishes and prescribes the quantities of each which may be served in any one meal.

Yesterday Ministry of Food officials lunched out, watching the first day's working of the order, to get ideas for improvements and to judge to what extent the Ministry's war-time recipes are being used.

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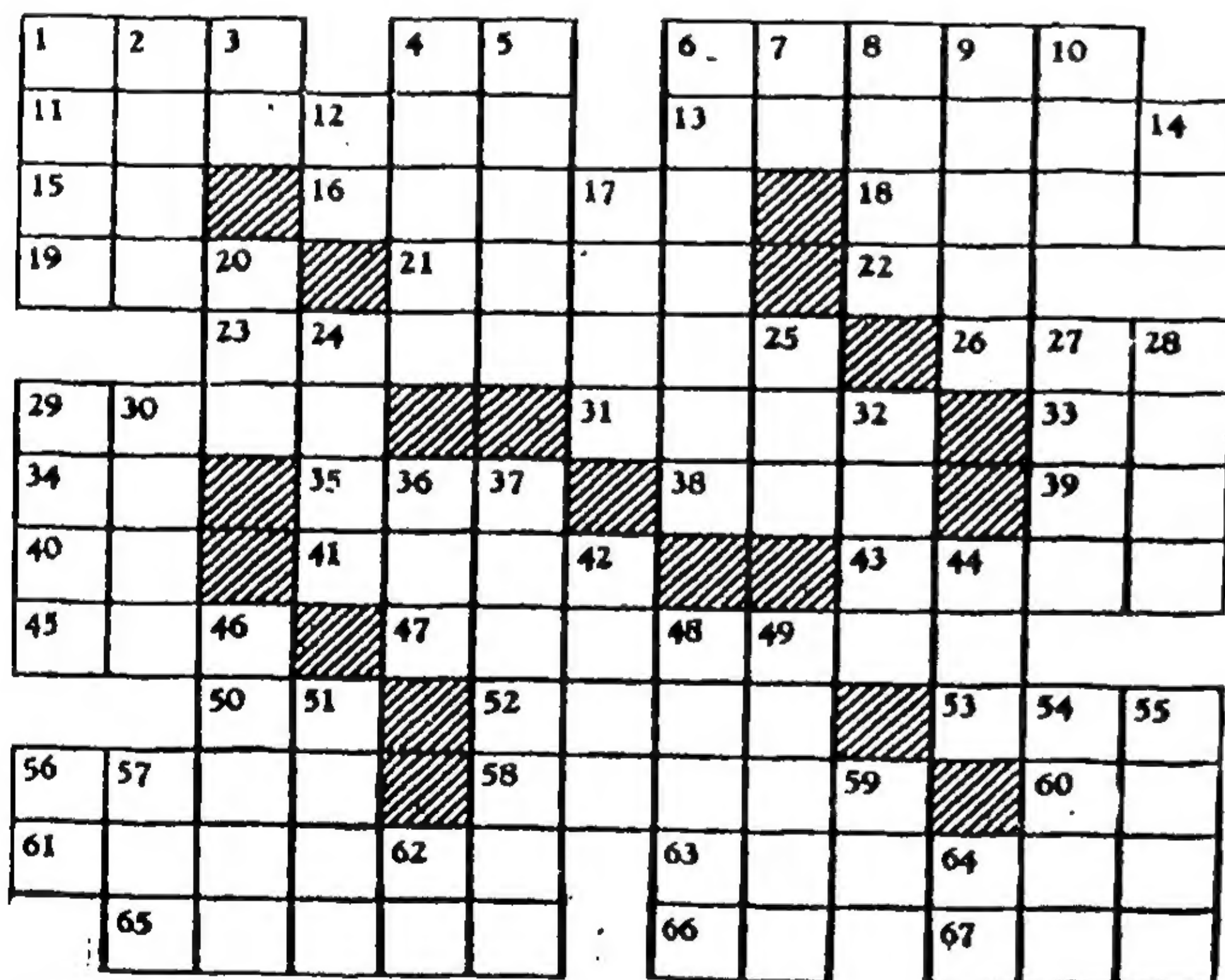
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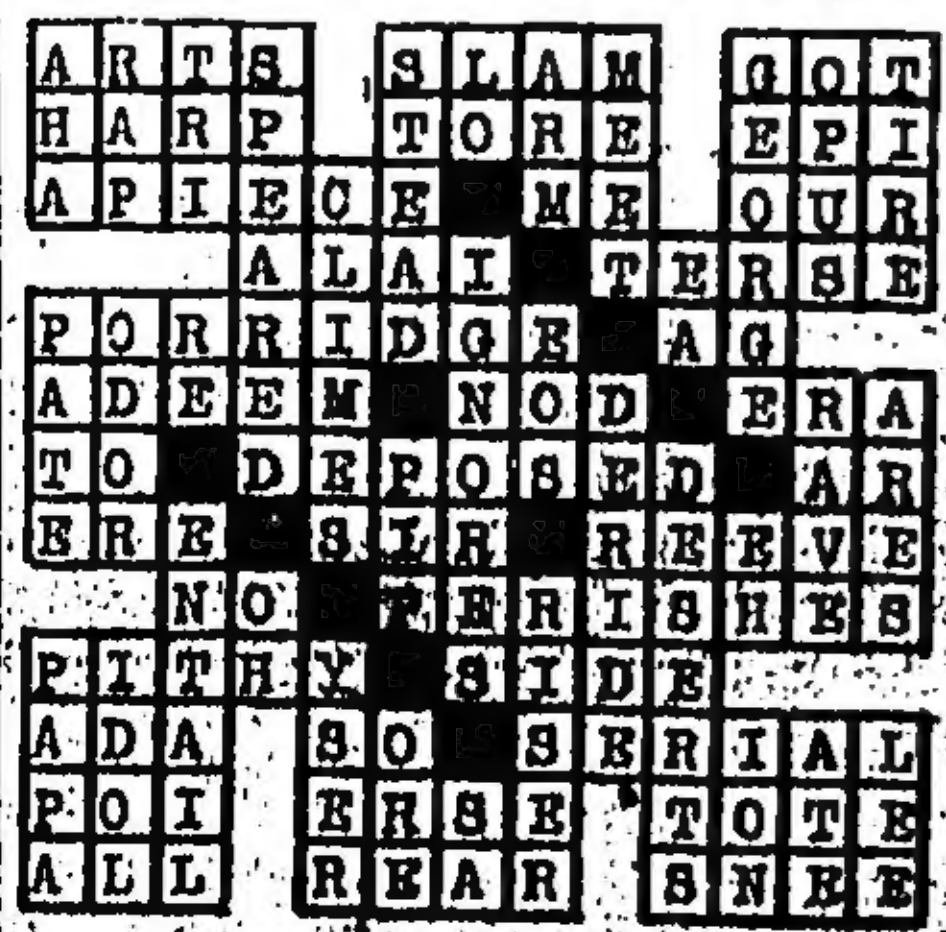


- HORIZONTAL**
1 Period of time
4 To exist
6 To talk foolishly
11 Short poem
13 To reprimand
15 By
16 Egg-shaped
18 Paradise
19 To employ
21 Epic poem
22 Toward
23 Asserted
26 Rodent
29 List
31 Deliberate slight
33 Note of scale
34 King of Bashan
35 To sink
38 Beverage
39 Land measure
40 Pronoun
41 Woody plant
43 Hoar frost
45 Footlike part
47 To agree
50 Colloquial father
53 Apportions
55 Toper
56 To leave out

- 58 Japanese seaport
60 Six
61 Malaysian garment
62 To save
63 To requite
66 Teutonic deity
67 Part of "to be"

- VERTICAL**
1 Son of Isaac
2 Decays
3 Article
4 Oblique
5 Public warehouse
6 Gift
7 Note of scale
8 To aid
9 English royal line
10 To obtain with difficulty
12 Negative
14 Printer's measure
17 Wearing apparel
20 To devour
24 Final
25 Owing
27 First man
28 Ripped
29 To play boisterously
30 Curved molding
32 Stable
36 Part of a circle
37 Science of the structure of the earth
42 Man's name
44 Pronoun
46 Pinnacle
48 To gaze
49 Glacial ridge
51 On top of
54 Finished
55 Occasion
56 Bone
57 To disfigure
59 Paid notice
62 Symbol for sodium
64 Babylonian deity

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DOCUMENTS BURNED AND BURIED

BLITZ GIVES LAWYERS LOTS OF TROUBLE

LAWYERS ARE proverbially pretty good at getting people out of trouble. But some hundreds of them now are facing the biggest packets of trouble that they have ever known.

Their offices and chambers have been bombed in the Blitz, and thousands of sets of important documents have been destroyed.

Solicitors and clerks, and K.C.s and counsel have recovered a few of the papers by forming themselves into salvage squads and digging among the ruins of their premises; but in the majority of cases the bulk of their papers have gone for ever.

And in some cases the loss of these documents may be very important indeed not only to the lawyers themselves, but to their clients.

They include:

WILLS. Sometimes with valuable lists of securities and properties attached. Where the testator is still alive, it should be possible to get a new will drawn.

DIVORCE PLEADINGS. Documents have been lost in scores of cases. Summaries of evidence, carefully compiled after many consultations and incorporating the reports of "inquiry agents," who have shadowed respondents and co-respondents from hotel to hotel for months, have gone up in flames or been buried beneath tons of debris.

HIGH COURT DOCUMENTS. Many valuable sets of documents, including original "exhibits" to be handed to the judge and intended to High Court and House of Lords cases, have been destroyed.

One K.C. arrived at his chambers the other morning to find that all the papers were destroyed in a case where he was to go before the Court of Appeal and ask for a reversal of a life sentence.

LEASES AND DEEDS. There are hundreds of leases and deeds relating to property in some of the lawyers' offices that have gone up in the blitz. These deeds often constituted the only title that the owners had to their property.

SKELETONS IN THE CUPBOARD. One of the difficult types of cases to deal with will be that with which many of the old-fashioned firms of solicitors are acquainted.

They handle the private business of the old landed families, and sometimes have handled it for hundreds of years.

With the papers in these cases lost, and with some of the ladies coming forward again out of the past, there may be some awkward situations.

NOT WIFE NOW BUT MUST PAY

The Court of Appeal has decided that a separation agreement between Mr. Ernest Louis Adams, a Metropolitan police sergeant, and his wife, continued to subsist after the husband obtained a decree of nullity of marriage.

An appeal by Mr. Adams from a decision of Shoreditch County Court Judge to this effect was dismissed.

Under the separation deed the husband agreed to pay his wife £1 a week.

Last year Mr. Adams obtained a decree of nullity of marriage, and he then ceased payments under the deed. The wife sued him in the County Court for arrears and obtained judgment.

Lord Justice Scott said that Mr. Adams could apply to the Court to vary the terms of the separation deed.

"SPAIN ALONE MASTER OF HER DESTINY"

Ramon Serrano Suner, Foreign Minister of Spain under the regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, said in a speech that "Spain alone is the master of her destiny" and would defend her liberty "within the European order."

Suner spoke at the village of Mota del Cuervo whose inhabitants were the first to rise against Napoleon's domination.

Suner lashed out against what he called a "plutocratic democratic" state (presumably Great Britain). He said the state in question "denied everything to Spain" and now "appears again with the fantastic pretext of saving us."

The foreign affairs chief declared that Spain's foreign policy was dictated by her own free will in her own national interests. — Associated Press.

BRITON'S RIGHT

For eighteen years Archibald Bennett, of Yatesbury, Wilts., was a good farm worker. But he hated cows.

He would not attend them. When Bennett was ordered to give up possession of a cottage, the Judge said he had exercised the elementary right of every Englishman to choose his own career.

U.S. PUTS PRESSURE ON THAI, REPORT

VILAS OSATANANDA, minister without portfolio in the Thai Government, expressed belief the United States is silently applying economic pressure against Thailand as the result of dissatisfaction with the recent trend of Bangkok's policies.

The Thai official, in Batavia on an official business trip, told the Associated Press of a number of instances when orders placed in the United States were countermanded at the last moment without what Thailand believes is an adequate explanation.

"Apparently," he said, "the American government is afraid that Thailand has entered too close relations with Japan, and therefore is restricting our purchases."

He recalled that 10 American-made aeroplanes purchased by the Thai government had been halted recently in Manila. He said a \$150,000 shipment of oil was cancelled at the last minute.

"It is virtually impossible to purchase Diesel oil, iron bars, etc., in America now."

The official vehemently denied that Thailand had fallen under Japanese influence.

"We are in the position of a small buffer state between Great Britain and Japan, and we are asking only to be left alone. We are pursuing a totally independent and neutral policy."

Osatananda said Japan had not asked to purchase or lease areas for naval air bases and such a

request would be refused, if made. Regarding Japan's proposed "east Asiatic co-prosperity sphere," he said:

"It has never been presented to the Thai government in a concrete form. We do not know what it means."

"But, naturally, we are disinclined to accept Japanese political or economic leadership, or the leadership of any country; we simply want to remain independent."

Japanese purchases of Thai rubber and rice "probably" are increasing, he said, but these commodities are sold on the open market. Japanese agents are buying them directly from Thai producers, and not through the government.

Japan's mediation in the recent vest-pocket Thailand-French Indo-China war came through the request of Indo-China and not Thailand, the official added.

"We had refused to negotiate directly with French authorities, because of the long series of disappointments and delays. They asked Japan to use her good offices, and we accepted." — Associated Press.

R.A.F. 'PLANE CRASHES ON HOUSES

A British aircraft, believed to have been piloted by a Czech and stated to have been flying apparently upside down, crashed on to some houses in Saint Clements Road, Bournemouth.

The occupant of the houses was injured and taken to hospital.

The plane, which appeared to be in the middle of a roll, became wedged on the houses.

DARTMOOR HEAD REPORTED HURT

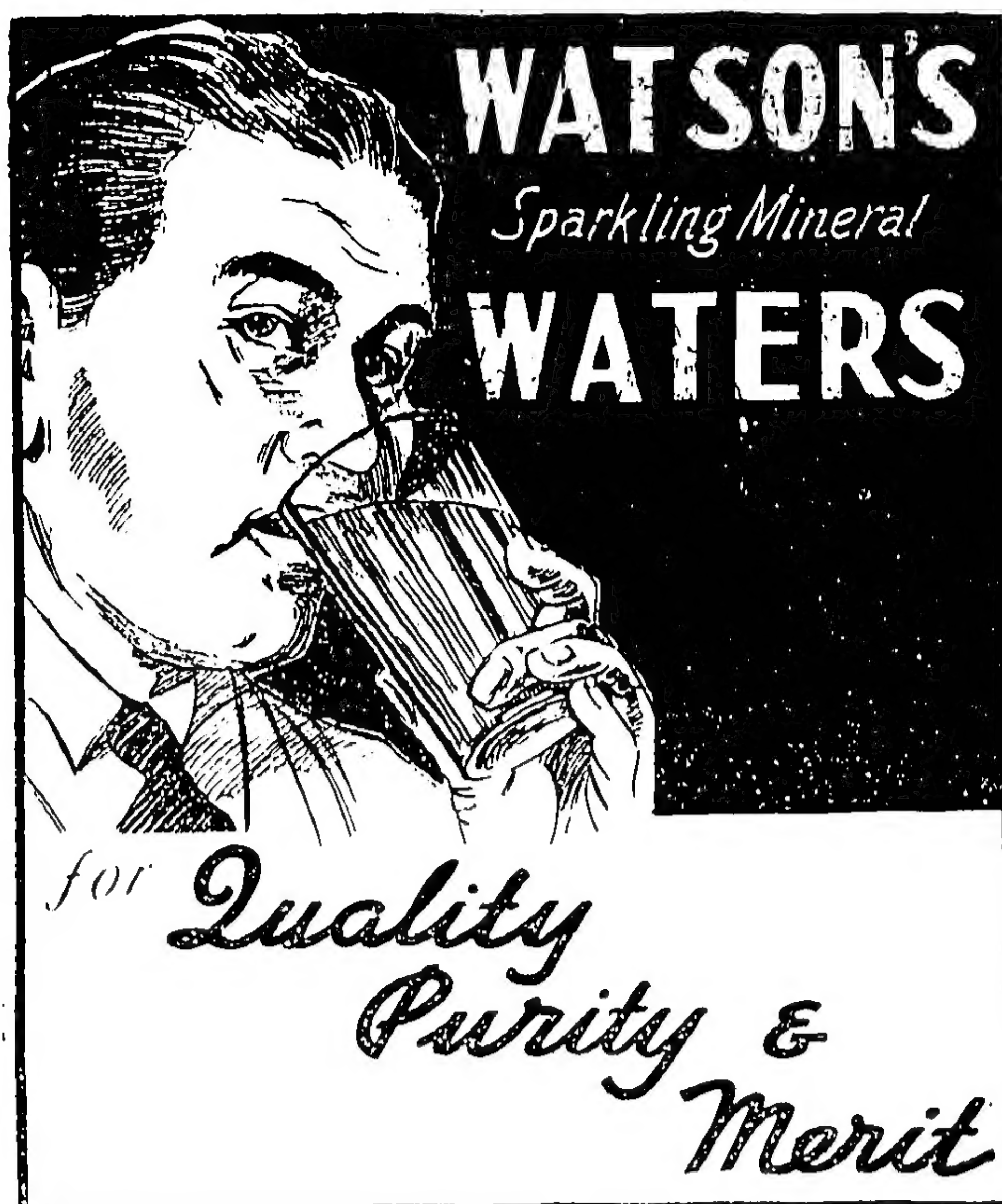
It was reported that Major C. Pannall, Governor of Dartmoor Prison, has been injured in the head by a mug thrown at him by a convict during a scene.

Major Pannall is said to have received a nasty wound. His condition was not serious. It was added.

An official of the Prison Commissioners said that he had no information of any such incident.

Major Pannall, who is sixty-two, has been Governor of Dartmoor since shortly after the mutiny, early in 1932, when convicts set fire to some of the buildings.

In December, 1932, he took special leave to recuperate from injuries after an attack by a convict.



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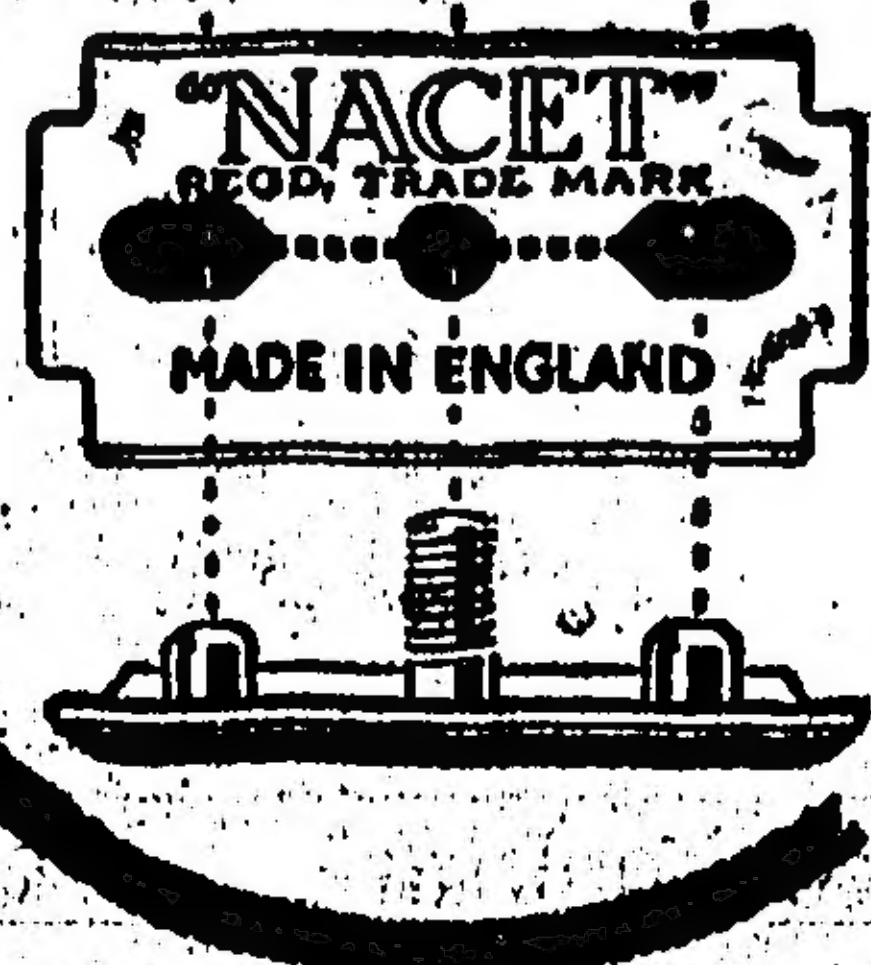
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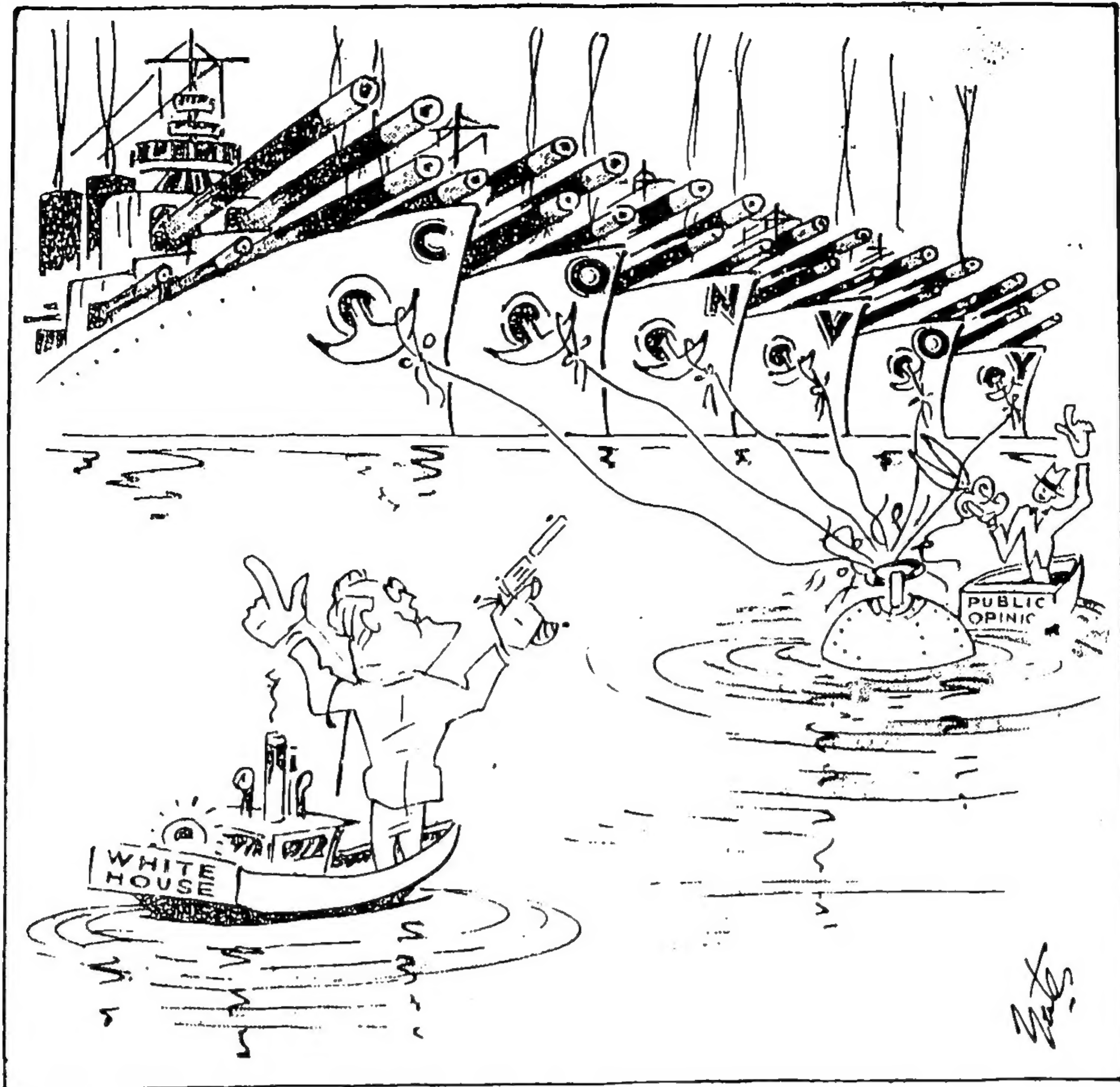


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POST-WAR PLANNING

A nation passing from war to peace is exposed to two dangers. One is that the mere mass of the tasks of reorganisation may be too much for its constructive capacity, worn and tired as it is by the strain of an arduous effort. The other is that concentrated exertion is apt to be followed by reaction. The tension of war is a stimulus. In a sense the ordinary man lives above and beyond himself in an atmosphere of duty and action; when the tension is relaxed, there is a certain nervous weakening; the rigid discipline of the war becomes hateful to mind and memory; there is a strong disposition to return to normal habits of life. Of this reactionary temper there was a striking illustration after the Napoleonic wars. In 1816 the House of Commons repealed the income tax, which Pitt had introduced in 1799, and passed a resolution that all the records should be destroyed. There were illustrations after the last war. A notable example was the fate of the inter-Allied organisations. In the autumn of 1918 the British Foreign Office urged that for some time after the conclusion of peace a nucleus of international organisation should be retained and that the machinery of the blockade should be superseded by a system of international economic control. During the post-war period this organisation was to be more or less continuous in its membership with the League of Nations. The French Foreign Office approved. Unfortunately the United States Government, to the great disappointment of Colonel House, replied, through Mr. Hoover, refusing not only to agree to these proposed improvements but also to continue collaboration with these inter-Allied bodies. This decision robbed the Peace Conference of most necessary guidance and was one of the causes of the tragical failure of the League of Nations. In both these cases there were no doubt powerful interests hostile to reform, but there was also the rebound of strong instincts from a discipline accepted under the pressure of danger. The ordinary Englishman suspected the Government in 1816; the ordinary American suspected Europe in 1918. As soon as the war was over those suspicions governed their conduct.



WAITING THE SIGNAL

LAND POWER versus SEA POWER

By
Lord Strabolgi

History is repeating itself in the present war. The great Napoleon had his Continental system which he organised after his armies had conquered a great part of Europe and his diplomacy, backed by force, had succeeded in neutralising or bringing into active alliance the rest of the European Continent. He was then faced by Britain only able to exercise sea power for a period. To-day the German publicists speak of their Continental system and taking as an example the success of diplomacy supported by violence in the Balkans, declare that sea power can be beaten.

Even if the supreme ordeal of an attempted invasion of the British Islands is not accepted, the German High Command believes it can so injure British seaborne trade as to be able to force a decision.

Considering for a moment the experience of the past, the time came when Napoleon's power was

It is satisfactory, therefore, to see that Lord Reith has large and comprehensive views, that the Government is impressed by the character of the problem, that it is not afraid of bold plans for economic and administrative reform, that it is agreed on the necessity for a central planning authority. Lord Reith's immediate arrangements, too, are promising. He is having the circumstances of three bombed towns closely investigated, to find what light they throw on his general problem. He is making use of experience and intelligence drawn from different fields. His own energy is a guarantee that any task that falls to his department will be handled with vigour. We must hope that the same sense of urgency will inspire all the Ministers on whose initiative these schemes apparently depend.

weakened by unrest and even active revolt among the conquered peoples. When this uprising became active enough in Spain, Britain, by the use of sea power, was able to send assistance and, indeed, to build up a considerable army, and create a new and exhausting theatre of war for France. The time is approaching when British armaments will have reached such proportions that any revolting people which can be communicated with by sea will receive considerable British help.

The position of Britain vis-à-vis the German Continental system is stronger relatively than it was during the Napoleonic era because the Colonies of those days have now grown into great Dominions with large resources and important engineering industries, and because the whole of the North American Continent has been industrialised and developed and is giving great help of all kinds to the British Isles.

To what extent can the Germans and Italians hope to cut off this assistance from overseas by the use of submarines and raiding warships? There is no doubt that great efforts have been made in Germany particularly to build large numbers of submarines and the German naval authorities have concentrated on a smaller type of under-water craft capable only of comparatively short sea voyages but nevertheless suitable for operating from the French harbours and reaching the Atlantic trade routes, particularly from Brest and the French ports in the Bay of Biscay. The difficulty will be to provide sufficient trained crews for this enlarged submarine flotilla. Submarines were only built for the modern German Fleet after 1933 so that only about six years have been available for training the personnel.

In the World War of 1914-18 Germany started with a large and highly trained submarine flotilla and the German Fleet had had experience with this type of craft for some 15 years. Even so, great difficulties were experienced in efficiently manning the German submarines in the last war particularly during its later stages. Several years of practice and experience are required to make a good submarine commander. The duties are so exacting and so much skill is required to use a peris-

cope efficiently that only a comparatively small number of naval officers of any nation ever become submarine captains of the first order. The work of every member of the crew is highly specialised and at least two years intensive training is required for the key men in the crew, who number about one-third of the complement.

Supposing, however, these difficulties are overcome, British counter measures are increasing in efficiency. An immense British programme of building anti-submarine warships had been embarked on before the present war broke out and it was expanded and speeded up with the outbreak of hostilities. This programme is beginning to bear fruit. Again, the expansion of the flying services available for the defence of seaborne trade is very great. Very large numbers of long range aircraft of improved efficiency and speed are coming into service.

Very large figures have been given for the production of new German submarines during recent months. The shipbuilding yards in Germany or under German control have a large capacity, and this is known with considerable accuracy. The figure of 600 which has been given by some observers, is quite outside the capabilities of these shipbuilding resources. It would be a very great achievement if even 200 new submarines, large and small, had been completed since the war began.

As for the attack on commerce raiders, such as the damage done to a large convoy in Mid-Atlantic by the heavy German cruiser Hipper recently, we need not under-estimate the seriousness of it. The German Admiralty had building at the beginning of the war two battleships, the Bismarck and the Tirpitz. These may have been completed and put into commission by now. They are powerful vessels, of high speed, and no doubt they could be sent out into the Atlantic by way of the Norwegian coast and thus hope to evade the British Home Fleet. While their fuel lasted, they could prove a serious menace to convoys in mid-ocean. This, again, is an example of history repeating itself. During the long wars between England and France in the sailing-ship era, the French frequently concentrated on commerce attack and used for the purpose the largest warships of the day. The answer was to concentrate the trade in very large convoys and to escort these with squadrons of battleships. Though methods have changed, the principles of strategy remain the same.

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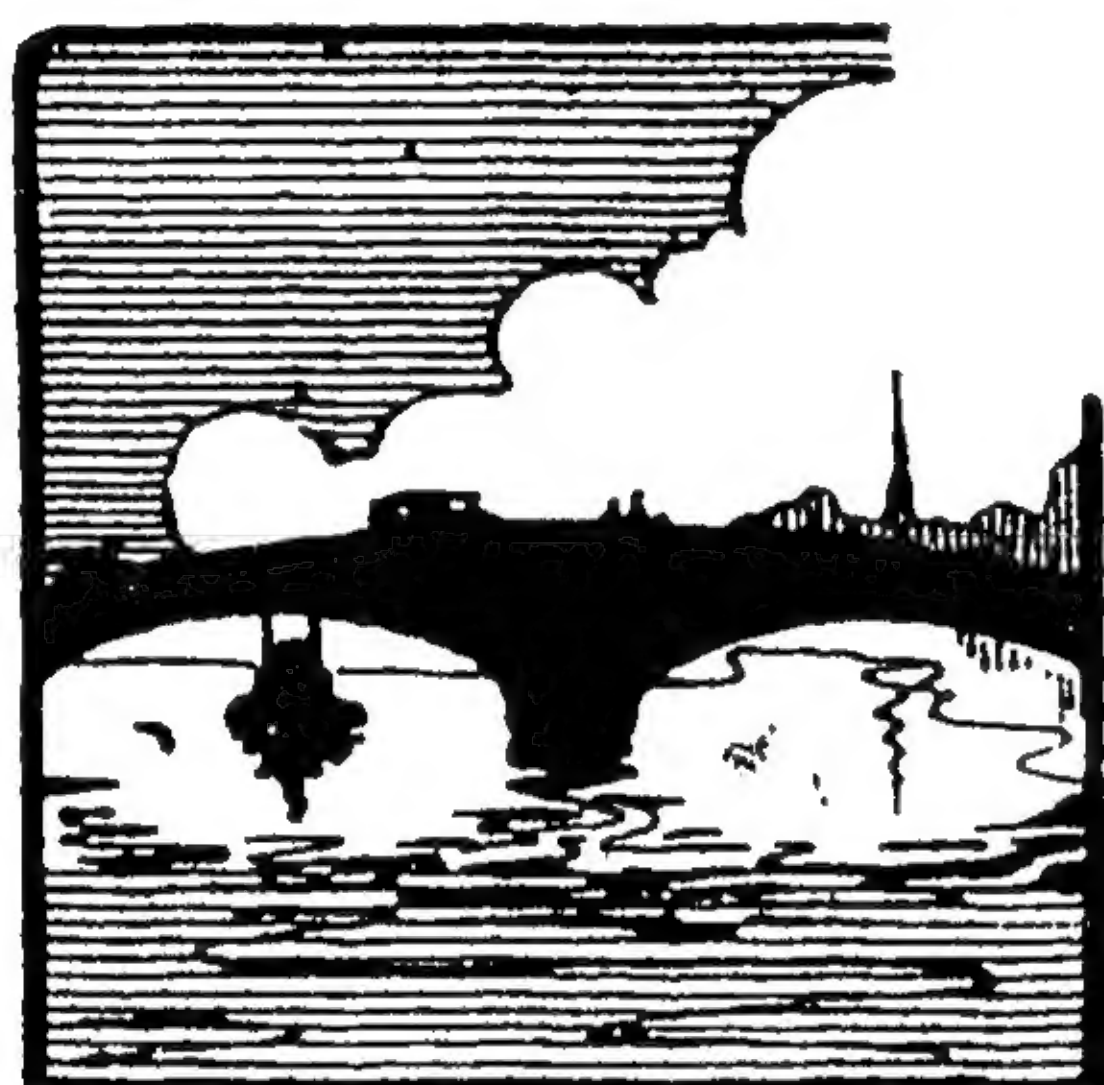
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CEASELESS R.N. SEARCH FOR RAIDERS

(By A Special Correspondent)

I HAVE JUST RETURNED from an extensive sweep for German raiders. The cruiser in which I am writing this, one of the latest additions to the Navy — was among the leading ships. With the vessels in her immediate group she has covered a greater distance than any of the other units engaged.

Day and night, sometimes in extremely turbulent weather, we have pressed on, scouring thousands of miles of ocean. Aircraft, including those carried in the ships themselves, have collaborated in the search for enemy raiders and submarines.

When conditions have been suitable the naval aircraft in this ship has flown off for hours at a time, adding considerably to the area we have been able to "comb."

More than once the sudden appearance of a strange ship has sent our crews swiftly to their action stations. We have changed course and streaked towards such a vessel, only to find after a few minutes that she was a friend. The intensity of the search has been such that no enemy raider without amazing luck would have had a chance of slipping through our net. Once or twice rain and mist have blanketed the horizon and defeated the keen eyes which have continually scanned it. Behind such a curtain a raider or U-boat may have succeeded in eluding us, but I have heard nothing to suggest that this has happened. For hours I have stood on the bridge keeping watch with the officers. I can therefore testify what a strain this endless hunting is.

Empire Ship

This cruiser may justly be called an Empire ship. The complement of 700 includes 30 New Zealanders, some Canadians, and at least one South African. She is, too, a remarkably "young ship," the average age of the officers, excluding the most senior, is only about 24. The captain is with one exception the oldest man on board — and he is only 45. The exception is a 60-year-old Maltese cook.

The cruiser itself is a masterpiece of the art of fitting the maximum of complicated mechanism into the minimum of space. Though considerably shorter than some earlier types of British cruiser, this vessel has at least as much speed, endurance, and fighting capabilities.

Compact boiler and engine rooms produce immensely more power than could have been obtained from much bulkier plant only a few years ago. Bridge structure, aeroplane hangar, guns, torpedo tubes, and all their many associated instruments are disposed in such a way that there is not an inch of wasted space, and yet nothing is cramped or uncomfortable.

Queer Jumble

Welcome refinements include fitted wash-hand basins of stainless steel with hot and cold water laid on in officers' cabins, which are pleasantly and sensibly furnished. There is much thankfulness for the special design of the open bridge. This incorporates a system of wind deflection so efficient that even in a roaring gale one can stand on the bridge and feel scarcely more than a gentle breeze.

Twelve months ago half the crew were civilians, and a queer jumble of trade and professions is represented among them. One is an artist, whose only outlet for his talent now is painting scenery for the next ship's concert in his spare time. Another rating was a stockbroker before he decided to change to bell-bottomed trousers. One of the officers was a company director earning a four-figure salary who volunteered when war broke out. — Press Association.

GESTAPO AGENTS NAMED ON THE AIR

Broadcasts in foreign languages have lately been used by the Allied Governments in London to give the names of persons in the various occupied countries who are known to be in the German service — Fifth Columnists or Gestapo agents.

This practice has been adopted particularly in the Czech, Polish and Belgian broadcasts. Loyal citizens are warned to be cautious in their transactions with the traitors.

In the French transmissions intended for Belgium a number of important persons in finance and industry have been named, besides some journalists and Government officials. Listeners have been invited to show their disapproval, and there is evidence that this is being effective.

Dutchman Attacked

The B.B.C. Dutch transmission included an attack against a Dutch citizen, Dr. Van Dam, who, under the usual pretence of cultural co-operation, had pleaded from the German-controlled station of Hilversum for educational collaboration between Holland and Germany.

NEVILLE STACK IS FLYING AGAIN

Captain T. Neville Stack, flight superintendent and chief test pilot to a Midlands aircraft firm, who broke one leg in five places and the other in three when a plane he was testing crashed in July, 1939, is flying again.

His "B" pilot's certificate, granted in 1919, has been restored. In 1926 he made the first long distance light aeroplane flight from London to India. Both his sons are in the R.A.F.

WHEN IRISH DOGS ARE BITTEN

When a man bites a dog instead of vice versa it's news, but when a German bites an Irish setter it's an end of Irish neutrality.

William Henninger, a German, bit his Irish setter's nose when it refused to perform tricks at an hotel in Peoria, Illinois. Robert Murray, an Irishman, objected.

Murray was fined £2 for assaulting Henninger. He explained to the magistrate that to see a German bite an Irish dog was too much for his patriotism.

CHILD BORN IN SHELTER

A woman had her fifteenth child, which was born in a shelter, and was provided with a layette sent by the American Red Cross, states a report of the Women's Voluntary Services.

"REBUILD LONDON AS WAR MEMORIAL"

WHAT WILL LONDON look like when it is rebuilt after the war? Statements by four of the men who will be closely concerned with this reconstruction provide a clue:

Lord Reith, Minister of Works and Buildings: It is stupid to say planning is not necessary in a city which has spread tentacles of desecration over so vast an area of green fields.

Mr. Emil Davies, chairman of the L.C.C.: You must have space at all costs. Warehouses should go from the centre. We want garden cities, not skyscrapers.

Mr. Charles Latham, leader of the L.C.C.: Let us not be mere copyists, seeking to reproduce old buildings, however beautiful. Let our buildings express the aspirations of our own time.

Sir Giles Scott, the architect: We must have greater simplicity of control. Under our present system no scheme can escape being stripped of its virtues. We must be bold and trust the experts.

These points were made at a "Building the New London" lunch held by Foyle's at Grosvenor House. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wilkinson, who presided, said the City Corporation were anxious to cooperate with Lord Reith.

Mr. Emil Davies said that steam trains should be banned from

London as they are from New York, and private owners of land must not be allowed to frustrate the plans of authorities.

Mr. Latham protested against the way factories, bungalows and shacks had been allowed to litter the sides of new arterial roads. Peace should be commemorated not with hundreds of individual war memorials but with a new London that should be an everlasting memorial to the glory of the people of London.

Post-War Housing

Post-war towns of concrete houses were envisaged by Mr. W. Cyril Cocking in a paper read to the Institute of Structural Engineers in London.

"The urgent necessity to re-house large numbers of people when the war is over," he said, "will create an acute shortage of bricks and seasoned timber, whereas there will be a ready supply of cement and steel."

The Institute of Structural Engineers is considering the appointment of an expert committee to make recommendations for post-war housing.

MANCHESTER LEARNS LESSON FROM THE BLITZ

(By A Special Correspondent)

IN EVERY TOWN I find the same reaction to bombing — a proud, even passionate, conviction that nowhere else in England have people been through such hell. Manchester is no exception; and the city really has been hit much harder than most Southerners imagine.

There are large areas of rubble and many skeleton walls jaggling the skyline like bad teeth.

If one adds that most of the damage was due to sheer slackness in fire-watching, the obvious reply is that a few months ago precautions were no more satisfactory anywhere else.

Nearly all the damage was done on two nights. After heavy bombing with high explosives the raiders launched the real attack; incendiaries fell like hail. Where fire-watchers were active these did little damage.

Exchange Destroyed

But some of the finest buildings, such as the Royal Exchange, said to be the biggest commercial premises in the world, were occupied by scores of offices and shops which did not employ watchers. They soon caught fire and the flames spread fast.

When day broke the pillar of fire by night dulled into a pillar of smoke. With darkness the fires that had seemed dying glowed red again, and the bombers came back, this time for a shorter period.

By the second morning the blitz was over, and Manchester could take stock. Tall commercial buildings behind Piccadilly had gone; so had rows along Corporation and Miller Streets, and that quaint old market area, the Shambles.

Eight churches were destroyed, more were damaged so seriously that they cannot be repaired during the war, and a large number suffered minor damage. One of the places badly hit was Cross Street Chapel, a cradle of Non-conformity.

Eight hospitals were hit, and of the Free Trade Hall there is nothing left but the facade.

Cathedral Damaged

The Cathedral was damaged, but not seriously. The picturesque 15th-century Chetham Hospital nearly opposite, housing a blue-coat school and the oldest free public library in England, escaped altogether; and so did the John Rylands Library, with its 300,000 volumes.

And how does Manchester take it all? The average man is philosophic enough, but it would be wrong to deny that, over two things, there is dissatisfaction. One is fire-watching; the other is communications.

One observer told me that he travels 10 miles each way daily on a line not affected by bombing or even traffic. The journey takes from 90 to 105 minutes.

"Manchester people will put up with any amount of danger and hardship, where necessary," said my friend. "To keep tired men and women hanging about in the cold and rain needlessly is just moral sabotage. People are becoming coldly angry, and if the railway companies won't do anything about it the Ministry of Transport should."

GAOLED FOR DOG CRUELTY

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed at Enfield, Middlesex, on Thomas Henry Oakman, of Lavender Hill, Enfield, for what the chairman of the Bench described as a "terrible case of cruelty" to a dog by failing to give it proper care and attention. Oakman was disqualified from keeping a dog for five years.

His dog was found tied to a chain so heavy that it caused the animal's head to sink towards the ground.

V. C. HERO — BUT AUDIENCE SCARED HIM

Sergeant John Hannah, of the R.A.F., Britain's youngest V.C., won his decoration by his courage and coolness. But, when he visited an aircraft factory he could not make a speech.

He had been presented to the workers by Mr. Handley Page, managing director of the firm, in the lunch-time break at the canteen. They wanted him to speak, but all he managed to say was "Thank you. I am very glad to be with all you boys and girls."

DYING MAN MYSTERY

Although a patient at a mental home has been charged with his murder, it was stated at a Salisbury inquest that the dying nurse maintained he had injured himself by falling.

Dr. S. E. Martin, medical superintendent at the home, however, said that the injury could not have been caused by a fall.

The inquest was on Reginald Edwin Trubridge, aged fifty-one, of Culver Street, Salisbury, who died from laceration of the brain six days after he had been found with head injuries in a locked pantry at Salisbury Mental Home, where he had worked for thirty-one years.

Earlier in the day Norman William Ashton, forty-five, a patient at the mental home since 1927, was remanded charged with murdering Trubridge.

Thomas Henchey, an attendant at the home, told how he found Trubridge in the pantry. Trubridge told him he must have fallen. A piece of iron grating was found in a bucket in the ward.

Questioned by a doctor Ashton admitted breaking the grating, and when asked if he had hit Trubridge, replied, "Yes, that is right."

The inquest was adjourned.

7,000,000 STEEL HELMETS

More than seven million steel helmets of standard types have been supplied, chiefly to the Fighting Forces, the Home Guard and the Civil Defence Services.

GERMANS FAIL TO BREAK NORWAY'S RESISTANCE

NORWAY'S WILL TO RESIST — passively but stubbornly — the mixture of blandishments and brutalities by which the German authorities seek to govern the country is not breaking under the strain.

Professor Jacob Worm-Mueller, late professor of modern history at Oslo University, who made a remarkable escape with his wife from Norway, has given an interesting picture of life in the occupied land.

The professor left his country in circumstances he is not prepared to divulge, and made his way to Stockholm with only a vague idea of his future movements, but with a determination to reach England even if he had to travel round the world to do it.

This, in fact, he did. A normal peacetime trip of some 36 hours was converted into a journey taking nearly two months.

His route lay by air from Stockholm to Moscow; by train across Siberia to Vladivostok; from there to Tokyo by boat; thence to the United States and Canada; by ship to Lisbon, and thence by flying boat to England.

Passive resistance to the Nazis, the professor said, was the best weapon the Norwegians had in their armoury. It showed itself in many ways and in all classes of society.

School-children became aware that their lessons, smacked of a strange philosophy, and decided that strike action was called for. The love of the nation for its

TREASURE ISLAND FACED FOOD LACK

People of Martinique, French island in the West Indies, have been facing starvation while £240,000,000 in gold lies in their vaults.

This hoard is probably one of the factors which enabled Marshal Petain to resist Nazi demands. A big slice of the reserves of the Bank of France, it was taken to the island on the warship Bertin after the French collapse.

But the money was no good to the islanders. It could not be touched, because the United States had frozen French credit. Meanwhile, the plight of the islanders was desperate. Clothing and food were scarce. Starvation stared them in the face.

Now relief has come to the people, but their vast fortune is still useless to them.

United States and France have made an agreement whereby Martinique keeps the bullion safe from the Nazis. In return she gets shipments of food.

King produced a crop of national emblems engraved with his figure in the lapels of thousands of loyal countrymen. When the Nazi police ordered these emblems to be removed some other symbol — a coloured pencil in a certain pocket, or a handkerchief worn in a certain way — would make its appearance with uncanny unanimity.

Audacious Escapes

Escapes by sea from Norway to Britain, undertaken under circumstances of the greatest audacity, at one time became frequent occurrences.

Professor Worm-Mueller said that he was surprised to meet in the centre of London one day a Norwegian in the uniform of the Oslo tramways. It appeared that the man had left his tram, made his escape "through the usual channels" and had had no chance to change his clothes!

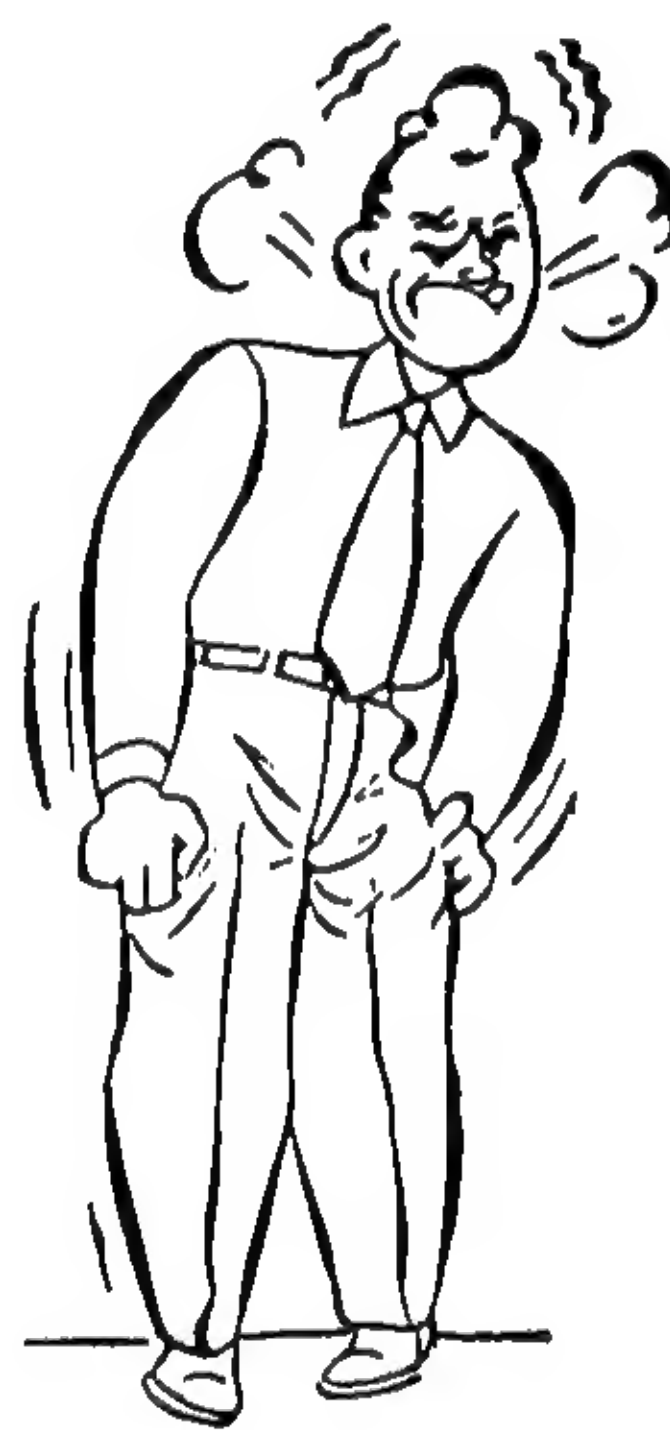
Another man who got away brought with him an amusing account of the German preparations for the invasion of Scotland. Outside Oslo a students' hostel had been converted into a barracks, and in the quadrangle German soldiers in Scottish kilts marched up and down to a somewhat amateurish skirl of the bagpipes.



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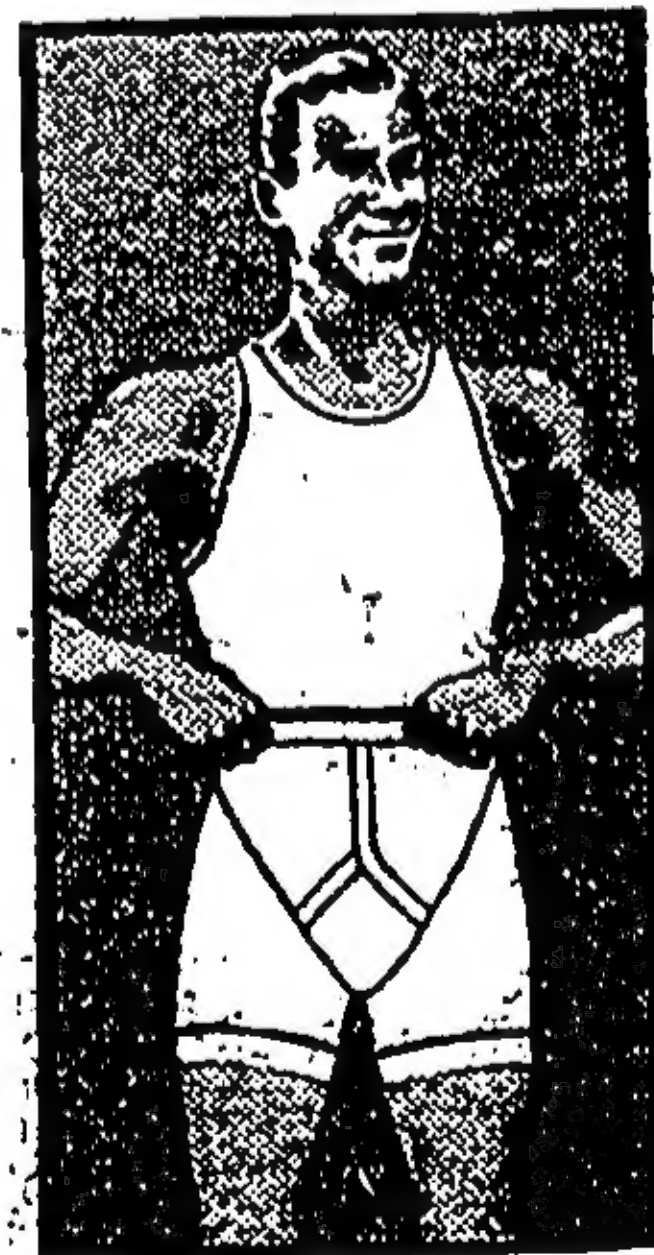


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THE IMPORTANCE OF PASSING By The Four Aces

Most players are anxious to learn how to bid, but few realise how important it is to know when to pass. Of course, the average bridge fan has little trouble in deciding on a pass when he has a very weak hand, it's when he has good cards that he cannot bring himself to hand control over to his partner by passing. For example

North, Dealer
North South vulnerable

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| ♠ 10 | | | |
| ♥ A J 7 3 | | | |
| ♦ A Q 5 | | | |
| ♣ K Q J 8 3 | | | |

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| ♠ K Q 8 7 | ♠ N | ♠ 6 2 |
| ♥ 4 3 | ♥ W | ♥ K 10 9 4 |
| ♦ 5 | ♦ E | ♦ J 7 6 2 |
| ♣ K 10 9 8 | ♣ S | ♣ A 7 2 |

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| ♠ A J 9 5 | | | |
| ♥ Q 8 6 2 | | | |
| ♦ 4 3 | | | |
| ♣ 10 9 5 | | | |

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠ | Pass | 1♠ | 1♠ |
| 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ | 4♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |

North had a good hand, but had already bid his full strength when West tried the sacrifice bid of four spades. Furthermore, it was clear to everyone at the table that West didn't expect to fulfill his contract of four spades. So if North had passed, he could have been quite sure that South would take some action.

If South had a long heart suit and good distribution, he would probably bid five hearts; otherwise he would double four spades and collect a sure profit rather than try for a doubtful one. As it happened, South had no chance to make five hearts, for the bad trump break he lifted in the loss of two hearts besides the club Ace. If North had passed four spades, South would have been delighted to double and four spades would have been set four tricks for a loss of 700 points.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held

♠ J 7
♥ Q 10 7 4 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ K 8 4

The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenker | You | Malor |
|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| 1♠ | 1♠ | 2♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 2♠ | (?) | (?) |

ANSWER: Pass. You have already shown your values, and your partner was unwilling to go on. There is no particular point in a bid at this stage, and much harm might result from overrating the strength of your hand.

Score: 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 714

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

| Jacoby | Schenker | You | Malor |
|--------|----------|------|-------|
| 1♠ | 1♠ | 2♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | (?) | (?) |

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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DID 377 HOURS OF FIRE DUTY

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He is Mr A. G. Munns, of Bramley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, who has received a letter from his divisional officer complimenting him on his keenness and devotion to duty.

Mr Munns is in the A.F.S. section at the works where he is employed as a assistant to the works manager, and since an raids started he has helped to fight seventy-two fires at the works, besides going out to other fires in Birmingham.

Fought 12 Fires

"I was a member of the firm's volunteer fire brigade for ten years before the war," he told the "Daily Mirror." "When the A.F.S. was started I wanted to join. I said I was active, but at first they would not take me. I applied for a medical examination, and after the doctor had seen me I was accepted."

"We have had some exciting times since I started. One night we had twelve fires in the factory, and six of us were fighting them all night. Factories on both sides of us were burning and making a wonderful target, but we managed to put our own fires out and save the building."

Mr Munns's twenty-nine-year-old son is also a member of the A.F.S. with long hours of duty to his credit.

HARVARD FILM

A film showing the Tercentenary Celebration of the founding of Harvard College in Cambridge will shortly be brought here for a private showing to Harvard men in Hong Kong and their friends.

Arrangements for the occasion are being formulated by a Committee composed of Dr. J. Hong Lau of Union Drug Company and Mr. W. W. Hoffmann of the American Consulate-General. There may be a dinner party during which a Harvard Club of Hong Kong may be inaugurated.

It is requested that all Harvard men in Hong Kong send their names and addresses to either member of the Committee so that notices may be sent to them.

FRANK LOVES TRAINS

Frank Bye loves "puff-puffs" so much that his mother says he is "train-mad."

He became rather tired of admiring from afar. The thought of a great adventure grew in his three-and-a-half-year-old mind.

He walked a mile of traffic-congested streets to Lime Street Station, Liverpool and boarded a train.

Two hours later he was found at Stafford, nearly seventy miles from his home at Lowhill, Liverpool.

Police were able to restore him quickly to his parents because he had been taught to tell them his name and address.

"The only explanation I can give for his escapade," said Mrs. Bye, "is that I used to take him for a sun bath at the clinic and to get there we had to pass the station."

All Frank would say was: "I like riding on railway trains."

"I saw the big puffer and I went with it."

He had a grand time at Stafford. The station staff fed him on chocolate, apples, and other luxuries.

Frank had to go back in the guard's van. But he went "talking trains all the way."

"I've come back, Mummy," he greeted his parents.

Then he was lifted to the footplate of the engine, where he talked to Driver Whalley and Fireman Tatton.

He didn't want to leave the driving cabin, and he was on the verge of tears as he told Mr. Whalley: "I'd like to go back with you."

HAT-TRICK PILOT FREED

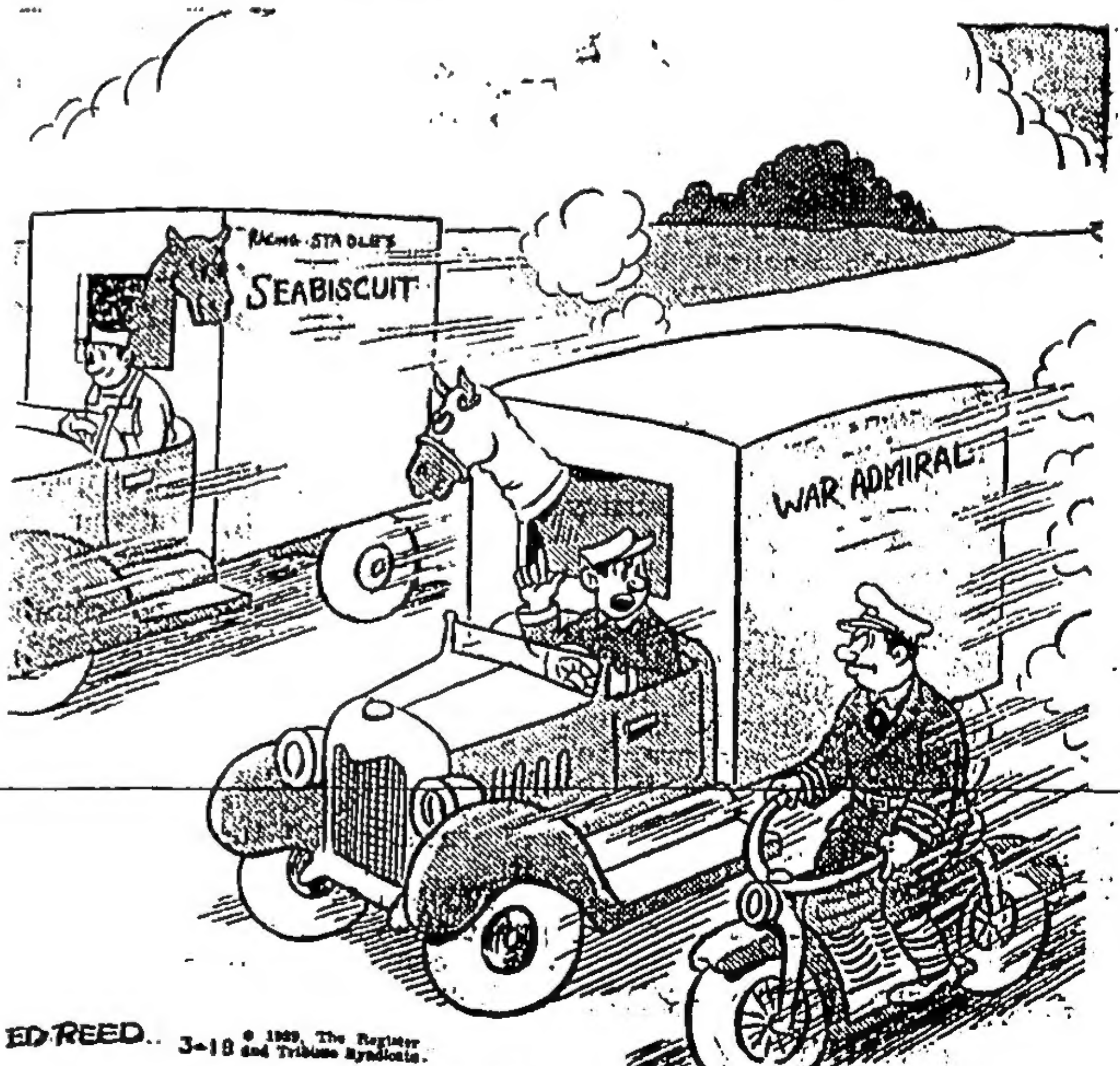
Winner of the R. A. F. Fighter Pilot cup in 1936, a South African flight lieutenant, who last October performed the "hat trick" by shooting down three Italian planes in one day, has been released from captivity in Mogadishu, capital of Italian Somaliland, as a result of the British capture of the town.

He had been in hospital there for three months with a serious foot injury. He said that while he was engaged with Italian fighters over Bardia, Libya, on December 29, an enemy machine came up from below, badly damaged his aircraft and wounded him in the foot.

He landed by parachute and was taken in an Italian plane to Mogadishu.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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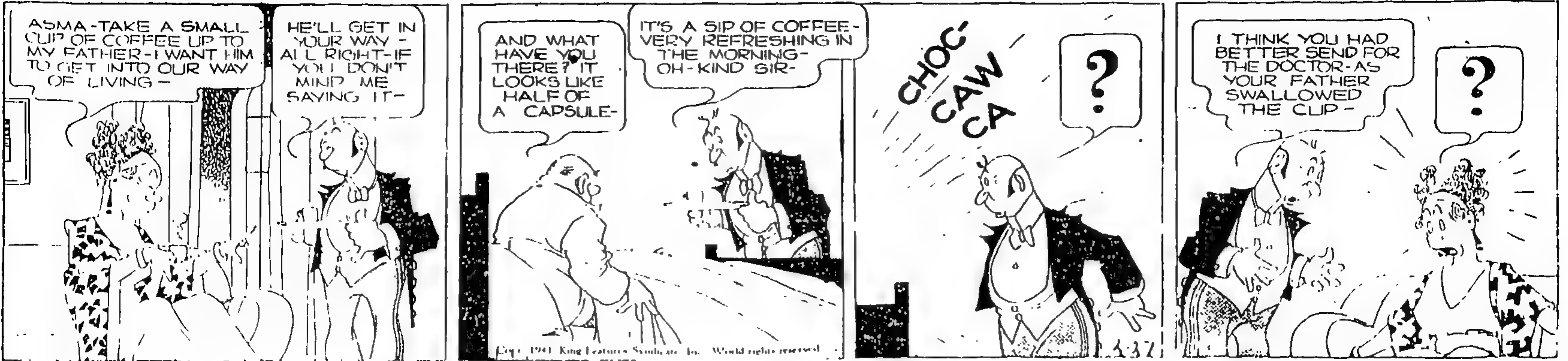
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Brinaia Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Colognes And Perfumes Are Masculine Aids

After hearing complaints about plain men, women about having to pinch their favorite cologne, are entertaining perfume get by and muddled and muddled of the favorite feminine cologne of his line. Result? Men took to them like flappers yet even brawny he men. And now the after-shave, after-bath cologne is a common masculine aid to grooming as is a razor or shaving soap.

Some men (and legion are they) have gone a step onward. They use scent on their handkerchiefs and women adore the habit. Several very woody brews have been introduced and all have been approved by meticulous males.

Of course the primary use of cologne, perfumes, and deodorant is to minimize or prevent unpleasant body odors and both should be used only after the skin has had a thorough scrubbing with good soap and water. Body odors are caused by bacterial decay of perspiration and there is no denying that men perspire more than women. That stands, to reason for their clothing is not porous and they are more active than women. So why isn't it logical that they



His after-bath cologne is masculine -- her's is feminine. Both are refreshing and serve as important grooming aids. To husband and wife give companion fragrances so bathroom "snitching" will cease!

use both these grooming aids to make their persons more acceptable? Of course, it is logical and the phony opinion that only sissies are meticulous in their grooming has been proven phony. Let's look at the record!

History Speaks

In an article written for a popular man's magazine, is this paragraph: "Hard guys and he-men, from the time of Alexander down, went in for perfumes of some kind or another. Otto of the Holy Roman Empire, and Charlemagne went into battle on the aromatic side and so on down to Napoleon. They all went for it. Knocking off your fellow man is sweaty work and these boys knew the score. Athletes and the military used perfumes then, and their use is back to-day. American men are joining the rank of the fastidious and verile along with the hard-riding Argentine Gauchos and French steel-workers who buy their cologne by the quart!"

So this Christmas you may give any man a large bottle of cologne and good deodorant and a small bottle of perfume without insulting his verility! If he grouses and puts on an act you can remind him that not so long ago a man wearing a wrist watch was considered slightly feminine. But when our heroes returned from the trenches using wrist watches the boys back home decided that their opinion had been erroneous for guys who went over the top

were not the kind to whistle at! You know the popularity of the wrist watch to-day!

And here's hoping more men will use these aids. They would if they remembered that ladies have sensitive noses!



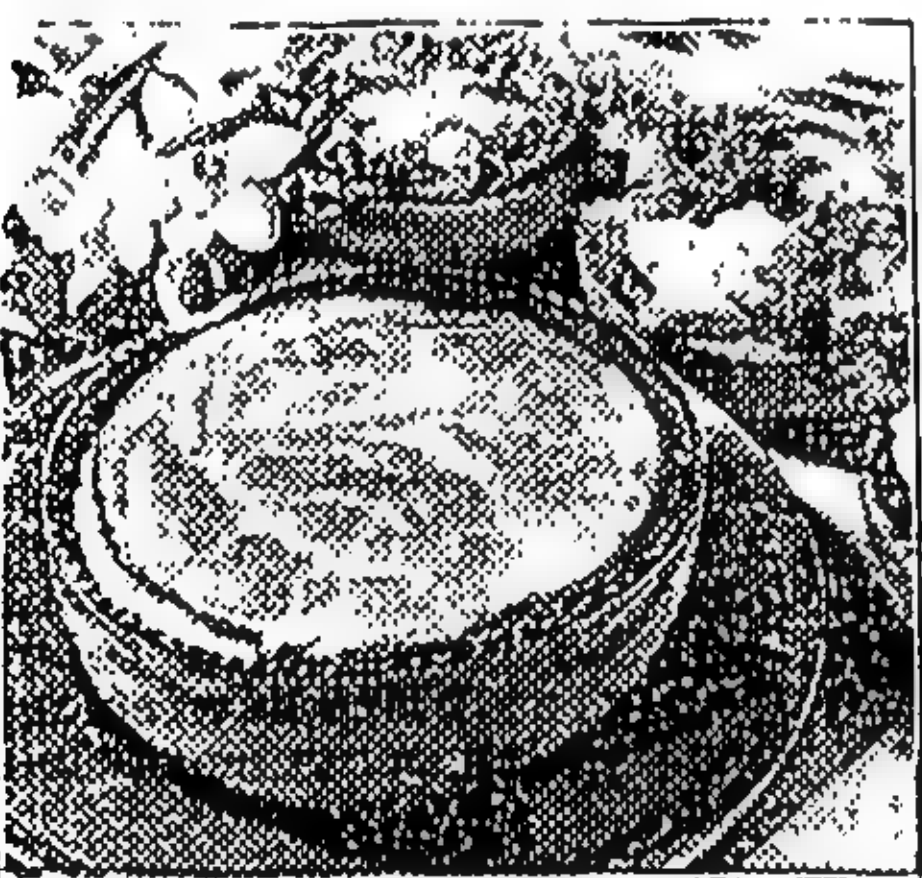
Dieting Dot says it's the pangs of hunger and not self-pity that get an overweight down.

Just a Huffy-Puff is this easy SOUFFLE

Dorothy Greig

WHEN mother wanted to huffy that a certain thing was simple to do she'd say, "It's as easy as rolling off a log." And that is just the way it is with this souffle.

It has but three ingredients. Once they're mixed and in the oven, the souffle does the rest. It huffs and huffs its way up until it is big and puffy and light.



When done, whip it from the oven and serve immediately while it is still proudly high and tender. With it offer fresh green salad, and there you have as delicious a main course for lunch or supper as ever you could wish.

Asparagus-Cheese Souffle
1 can condensed asparagus soup
1/2 cup sharp cheese, grated
4 eggs, separated
Combine the grated cheese and the asparagus soup and heat until the cheese is melted. Then stir in the egg yolks, adding one yolk at a time, and beating well after adding each yolk; then cool. Beat the egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Fold the asparagus mixture into the beaten egg whites. Pour into a buttered casserole; then place the casserole in pan with hot water. Bake in 300° oven for 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Roy Fox and his Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—It's Got to be Love ("On your Toes"); Cowboy
Waltzes—My First Love Song (film "Queen of Hearts"); Would You (film "San Francisco")
Fox-Trots—When the Sun Says "Goodnight" to the Mountain, I'll Sing You a Thousand Love Songs (film "Calm and Mabel")
Slow Fox-Trot—Sweet Lullaby (film "Waikiki Wedding")
Fox-Trots—Love and Learn (film "That Girl from Paris"); If I Should Lose You (film "Rose of the Rancho")

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Songs by Raquel Meller.
Chavelito Del Genti (Romero), Flor Del Mal (Padilla Montesinos), Gitana, Gitana (Prado & Romero) with Orchestra

1.11 p.m.—Bizet—Jeux d'Enfants—Ballet Suite, London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati

1.30 p.m.—Rugby & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.
Idylle Bretonne (J. Gennin), Crocus Time—Serenade for Strings (De La Riviere); Echoes of the Valley (J. Gennin); The Merry Brothers (J. Gennin); Oriental Dance—Novelty Duet (C. White); Carlsbad Doll Dance (L. Pleier); The Two Imps (K. J. Alford); Dancer of Seville (C. Grunow) conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—Half an Hour with Massenet.
"Maison" Fantasia—Marek Weber and his Orchestra, "Sapho" Air de Jean Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra, "Thais" Meditation—Boston Promenade Orch., "Thais"—Tell me I am Beautiful—Maryse Beaumont (Soprano) with Orchestra; Scenes Pittoresques—Fetes Bohemes—The London Palladium Orchestra, "Werther" Pourquoi me Reveiller?—Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour"

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

8.02 p.m.—An Hour of Classical Records.

Etude in F Minor (Liszt) Simon Barer (Piano); Jeanne d'Arc Farewell, Ye Mountains (Tchaikovsky) Maria Jeriza (Soprano) with Orchestra; Incidental Music to "Mary Rose", (O'Neill) New Light Symphony Orchestra, O Glad some Light (Sullivan) The B.B.C. Witches (Chorus), Rustle of Spring (Piano), Valse Triste—Kuolema (Sibelius) Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Fantasiestucke Op. 12 (Schumann) Yves Nat (Piano), Let the Bright Seraphim (Handel) Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra, 2nd Movement from Symphony No. 6 in F Major Op. 68—"Pastoral"—(Beethoven) Andante molto mosso—Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—"The Hope of a New World" No. 3: "Prayer and its Answer". Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.30 p.m.—Elgar—Froissart Overture Op. 19. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar Bart. O.M., K.C.V.O.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

"Me and My Girl"—Vocal Selections. Wallace Lupino, Lupino Lane, Teddie St Denis & Chorus with Orchestra

Home and Beauty—Selection. Adelphi Theatre Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Dance Music with Vocal Variety.

Fox-Trots—Copenhagen; Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise (from "New Moon"); Artie Shaw & his Orch. Tango—Summer evening in Santa Cruz; Slow Fox-Trot—The moon remembered, but you forgot (from "Let's be famous")—Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.

Vocal—America, I love You (Leslie-Gottier); Dear Old Pal of Mine (Robe-Glitz-Rice); Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Flea on a Spruce...Teddy Powell & his Orchestra.

Blues—The Ghost of Smoky Joe; Fox-Trot—Floogie Walk (both from "Cotton Club Parade")...The Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus.

Vocal—No Souvenirs (Byrd); This Can't be Love (from "Up and Down")...Adelaide Hall with Instrumental Accomp.

Slow Fox-Trots—Moonlight and Mimosas; When I Dream of Home...Joe Loss & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—I've Got no Strings (from "Pinocchio")...Bob Chester & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Sweet Little Sweetheart (McIntire & Algre); Love Lies (Sigmund & others)...Turner Layton & his Piano.

Fox-Trots—The Singing Hills; Cuban Romeo...Ambrose & his Orch. Waltz—Don't Ever Pass Me By...Jack Payne & his Band.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

RED TAPE GRIP ON SHIPPING

PRACTICAL SHIPPING MEN of ability and experience have been sidetracked by Civil Servants. They have been told to confine their energies to matters of minor importance, leaving Civil Servants almost complete freedom to deal with matters of vital practical importance and urgency to the country and the industry.

This indictment of the red tape stranglehold on the shipping industry was made by Sir W. Reardon Smith, Bart., president of the Bristol Channel Shipowner's Association, addressing the members at Cardiff.

Sir Reardon Smith controls the largest fleet of tramp ships in Wales.

The most disturbing feature, he said, was the endless delay in coming to finality on questions which were left unsettled month after month.

Delays were due to lack of cooperation and confidence between practical shipping men and the chief Civil Servants at the Ministry of Shipping.

"It seems," he went on, "that the peace-time methods in the Civil Service are still employed during the present emergency with the result that instead of time becoming the vital factor it appears to be of little or no account."

Whitehall Jealousies

"Most of us in the industry have watched with growing concern the apparent neglect of shipping by many Government departments, including Transport, Supply, Food and even the Admiralty. It has been treated as just another means of transport instead of the most vital means."

"If only the Prime Minister himself or a Minister with the necessary drive and authority could spend some time in each of the departments mentioned and iron out the natural jealousies which exist between one department and another, cut away a few more wrappings of red tape and get down to essentials, all shipping men would be happier and the nation's war effort would be helped considerably."

"If those who control us now would think less of minutes, dockets and that wonderful cloak, 'Passed to you, please,' and visualise ships and men and even owners working under the present abnormal conditions, they would say to the practical shipping men, 'Carry on! We are with you and are prepared to trust you to the limit.'"

LOOTERS GET 51 YEARS

Three Sheffield looters were sentenced at Leeds Assizes to a total of fifteen years' penal servitude.

Earlier six Sheffield looters received thirty-six years in all. The sentences were:—

William Henry Ashmore, twenty-four, carter (seven cases of looting and one of shopbreaking), six years;

William Henry Malkin, forty-four, wireworker (three cases of looting and one of shopbreaking), five years; and

James Malkin, thirty-four, labourer (two cases of looting), four years.

The value of the stolen goods, it was stated, was about £107. Only £42 worth had been recovered. When the owners returned to their homes, they found they had nothing to sleep on.

ASSES WHO AID HITLER

The Communist party was described by Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, as being among those people "useful to Hitler" in a speech at Tonypandy, South Wales.

"But," he added, "they are not having much success in this country, because most of the workers see through them."

Hitler bought some traitors, but always found a certain number of gratuitous asses who became his unconscious tools. The number in free countries tended to be few.

"The Communist party convened a conference called the National Convention the other day. Hitler's papers reported it fully—it helped him in trying to persuade the Germans that this country was disunited."

"If the Communists can persuade workers not to work through the Alert it is useful for Hitler. Every bit of grit that they can put into the wheels of industry helps Hitler and makes the task of the rest of the people of this country more difficult."

"Howl About Liberty"

"When their paper is suppressed they raise a howl about liberty. Wherever the Communists have gained any strength they have used it to disrupt and destroy the workers' movements. They will not succeed here. Make no mistake about it."

"This fight in which we are engaged is your fight. We have to go all out for victory, for this is total war."

"When the war ends, we shall have to reorganise our national life. We of the Labour party sought to plan the future, but we were not strong enough in Parliament to put our ideas into operation. Now there is a much more widespread desire to discontinue the old inequalities and insecurity, and to establish a happier and nobler life."

G.C. FOR 'PLANE RESCUE

Sgt. Pilot Raymond Lewin, who when a boy was "mad on flying," has been awarded the George Cross for the rescue of a fellow pilot from the blazing wreckage of a plane which contained a load of bombs.

His action, performed in the dark after the 'plane of which he was captain had struck a hillside, is officially described as "superbly gallant." The 'plane was on a bombing mission to Italy when it crashed.

After three of the crew had scrambled clear, Sgt. Lewin, crawled under the wing, in which full petrol tanks were burning to rescue his injured second pilot. Despite his own injuries, which included a cracked kneecap, he dragged and carried the pilot 40 yards to a hole, where he lay on him just as the bombs exploded.

Sgt. Lewin, who is 26, is the youngest of three sons of Councilor Mrs. Lewin, Deputy Mayor of Kettering, and of Mr. George Lewin, a Kettering tradesman. He was a chemist before enlisting.

CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG FUTURE

REFERENCES TO the difficulties caused by the war, and confidence in the future, were expressed by the Chairman, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, at the Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Mr. Bousfield said:—
You will not expect me on this occasion to review the course of the War. We in Hong Kong are far from the centre of events, though the defence preparations going on all around us, and the strong reinforcement of Singapore are a reminder that we may at any moment become involved. If we are, I hope we shall bear ourselves under fire as manfully as our friends at Home.

Meanwhile, we can only struggle on, under conditions of ever-increasing difficulty, to keep the trade of the Colony going and so fulfil our responsibilities towards the maintenance of this important outpost of the British Empire.

The chief problem with which we are faced is, of course, the shortage of ships resulting from a ruthless campaign against the mercantile marine by which the enemy seeks to offset Britain's naval power and, if possible, to starve the people of the British Isles. We have heard, with immense relief, the news that the President of the United States has instituted a patrol of the Atlantic, 2,000 miles from east to west, and from the Arctic to the Antarctic regions, in order to ensure that Britain "gets" the tools to finish the job, which the United States is supplying under the Lend and Lease Plan.

Import Quotas

Another war time difficulty arises from limitation of imports into the United Kingdom and other part of the Empire effected by means of import licence and quotas. The powers of the various Controller and Licensing Departments are subject to one over-mastering consideration—the availability of shipping. Merchants and manufacturers find that when an import licence has been granted, or a quota has been fixed, their troubles, sometimes, have only just begun. Under changed circumstances the import licence may be suspended or cancelled, or the shipping space available may be quite insufficient to carry the goods which the Board of Trade notwithstanding the need to reduce imports to a minimum has decided are definitely required by the people at Home.

These obstacles to the shipment of completed goods involve losses for all concerned, but such troubles have to be taken in good part as an inevitable accompaniment of the life and death struggle in which the British Empire is now engaged. The Chamber of Commerce has been actively occupied throughout the year in doing all it can to smooth out these difficulties. In the rubber footwear industry the Chamber has organised a distribution of the limited freight space available, based on the quantity which each firm is licensed to import in proportion to the total quantity covered by all the licences.

H.K.'s Trade

In so far as revocation of import licences affects China produce, the General Produce Brokers' Association of London recently issued a revised contract which provides that Government cancellation of a licence is to be followed automatically by cancellation of the contract between buyer and seller. It has been necessary to point out that—as far as Far Eastern merchants are concerned—this is no solution because exporters have to meet contractual obligations to suppliers. At the suggestion of this Chamber, the British Chambers of Commerce in China have made telegraphic representations to London. Exporters have been advised not to do business on the Produce Brokers' revised contract.

In spite of all these difficulties, the commerce of the Colony kept up remarkably well during 1940, as will be seen from the figures which are given on page 59 of the Chamber's Report. These show quite a substantial increase in the combined value of the Colony's imports and exports.

However, it must not be forgotten that, owing to high prices for all commodities in 1940, this increase in the value of our trade is almost certainly accompanied by some shrinkage in volume. Unfortunately, the Government Statistical Department does not publish tonnage figures, and I should like to take this opportunity of suggesting that his point might be remedied when peaceful conditions return.

Meanwhile, however, some very interesting figures for wholesale prices, covering 1939 and 1940, were released for publication by the Import & Export Department last month. The average increase in price during 1940 over 1939 was largest in the mineral group, with an increase of 44.82 per cent; and smallest in the foodstuff group—29.58 per cent. The average increase for all commodities works out at 35.39 per cent. Had prices remained stationary, the increase or decrease in the total value of the trade of the Colony would accurately represent the percentage increase or decrease in the total tonnage of that trade. Therefore, to obtain a comparison between 1939 and 1940 tonnages, we should step up the value of the 1939 figures by the average increase in cost between the two years. In terms of 1940 values, we thus arrive at a figure of £93.8 millions sterling for 1939 trade as against £85.1 millions sterling for 1940. From this it would appear that 1940 suffered a tonnage loss of 9.275 per cent as compared with the previous year.

No Pessimism

However, as foodstuffs formed the largest individual item of import during 1940, and as this group underwent the smallest increase in price, it is probable that the weighted general average for all groups would show a smaller percentage increase than the figure of 35.39 per cent on which I have worked, and this in turn would mean that the decrease in tonnage is even less than 9.27 per cent. But even on the basis of this latter figure it is surprising that the Colony was so little affected during 1940 by the world shortage of shipping. The position reflects great credit on the more economic use to which available bottoms must have been put, and those concerned are to be congratulated. Unfortunately I fear that 1941 must inevitably see a further shrinkage in the volume of our trade, and, indeed, since this address was prepared news of further shipping restrictions has come to hand which will result at least for the time being in the almost complete cessation of the export of Hong Kong-manufactured goods to Great Britain.

Nevertheless, I am not one of these pessimists who, whilst admitting that conditions have kept up surprisingly well in the past, forecast that evil times are just around the corner. It would be foolish to indulge in wishful thinking concerning our prospects for the current year, but the adaptability which the Colony has shown in meeting changed conditions will, I trust, help us to make up on the swings at least some of what we are likely to lose on the roundabouts.

New Industries

Here I would like to say a few words on the increasing importance of our local industry. The old-established industries of ship-building and repairing, cement making and sugar refining all show increased activity, but it is rather to the growth of the more recently established industries that I refer, and I would particularly ask you to study the figures given on page 60 of the Chamber's Report. You will see that the export value of the goods listed therein has increased from a little under \$35 millions in 1939 to over \$51 millions in 1940—an increase of 46.98 per cent; and this in spite of quotas, export licences and other impediments. Admittedly this total is small in comparison with the combined import and export figure of \$1,374.5 millions, but it will bewitch the work involved.

Diplomatic Travellers

Franz von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, arrived in Ankara last evening, says an Ankara telegram to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

The Soviet Ambassador to Berlin, M. Dekanosev, returned to his post yesterday after spending 14 days in Moscow, says Reuter.

realised how important a place in the life of the community local manufactures have now taken when it is remembered that the amount which "sticks" with the Colony, i.e. the difference between the import value of the raw materials and the export price, is probably no less than 65 per cent on the average in the case of locally-made articles, whereas the amount sticking with the Colony on account of its entrepot trade is probably not more than two or three per cent.

Potentialities Of Colony

The Delhi Conference has opened the eyes of a good many in the Middle and Far East to the potentialities of Hong Kong, and we all hope that one result of that Conference will be to accelerate the growth of our productivity. It is possible that in retrospect the period covered by the present war will be looked on as having done more to put the industry of this Colony on its feet than any other like period of time. However, if we are to achieve this enviable goal the local manufacturers will have to show their usual resource in directing the labour of this Colony into new channels and so make up for what we hope will be the temporary loss of the U.K. market.

Sir David Owen's report on the Harbour stresses the desirability of going ahead with certain recommendations as soon as practicable. If this can be done, and legislation is avoided which might make us unable to compete with manufacturers in China, I think the Colony can confidently look forward to greatly increased prosperity when the political horizons have cleared.

Sir David Owen's report on the future control and development of the Harbour, to which I alluded just now, has been published so recently that I do not propose to refer to it at length, pending full consideration by the appropriate Sub-Committees of the Chamber. It is clearly a valuable and most instructive document, the product of wide knowledge and experience. The report should help the whole Colony to take long views in the development of its most valuable asset.

Tribute To Mr. Key

We have again to express sympathy with the merchant community in Canton who for another year have suffered—by force of circumstances beyond their control—the almost complete loss of their trade. A year ago there were hopes of the re-opening of the River, but I regret to say that these have not yet materialised.

We are all glad that His Excellency the Governor has returned to the Colony recovered in health and trust that his strength may be maintained to face the strenuous duties which each day and hour bring to him in these times of stress. I am sure you will wish me also to express our appreciation of the services rendered to the Colony by General Norton during his term as Acting-Governor.

The motion before the meeting includes the adoption of the Accounts of the Chamber. These call for no comment beyond the fact that the balance is on the right side and the membership continues to grow. Extension of the demand by Governments of the world over for certificates of origin has led to a further increase in fees from this source of income.

This year our hard-working Secretary—the term is hackneyed, but I can think of nothing which more accurately describes Mr. Key—has done even more than the usual amount of work on Government behalf as, during the absence of the Hong Kong Delegation at Delhi, his full-time services were lent to the War Supplies Board, and in recent months he has worked for several hours a week for the Food & Firewood Control Board. This, in turn, has thrown a great deal of extra work on the Assistant Secretary and, indeed, the whole staff. We are indebted to them for the many hours of extra time which they have had to put in to keep pace with the work involved.

QUEEN HANDLES TOMMY GUN

Gen. Sikorski, the Polish commander-in-chief, presented a party of Polish lancers to the King and Queen on a wind-swept moor in Scotland. Speaking to the King in French, he said that Goebbels had named the regiment Sikorski's Tourists.

"Yes, your Majesty, and very dangerous tourists we are going to be," one of them exclaimed in English.

The King and the Queen spent the whole day with the Polish forces.

At one point the Queen put a Tommy-gun to her shoulder in the firing position. The King reminded her that the gun was loaded and jokingly advised her to be careful.

At the end of the day, after watching a spectacular march-past, the King told Gen. Sikorski that he was very struck by the spirit of the troops.

The General stated later, "The visit of the King and Queen has had a tremendous effect on my soldiers. It was no formal tour, but a visit of friendship. Its real importance is more than that—the encouragement it will give to our people in oppressed Poland."

ELIZABETH PANICKED BURGLAR

It was the burglar not the baby, who was scared when he climbed through the bedroom window of two-year-old Elizabeth Bickerton. She calmly sat up in bed and shouted: "Auntie, a man's taking your money."

Panic-stricken, the intruder jumped out of the window. He was in too much of a hurry to bother with the ladder by which he had entered Elizabeth's home in Chesham-lane, Denham, Bucks. Elizabeth's nerve-shattering alarm saved her mother's jewellery and furs.

The little girl was asleep when the burglar broke in. She awoke to see him opening drawers and taking money from a handbag. Unafraid, she yelled to her aunt, Miss L. Griffiths, in the next room.

"He took money out of auntie's bag and put it in his pocket," Elizabeth afterwards told her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. Miles Bickerton.

"He opened the drawers, but he didn't hurt them. But then he looked at me. I didn't like him, so I called to auntie."

"He was young and he hadn't got a hat."

SMOKED PIPE IN BED WITH BOOTS ON

A mother told Bournemouth Juvenile Court magistrates that her twelve-year-old son threw knives at his sister, said his dinner was muck, cut the tablecloth, then went upstairs.

There he lay on the clean bed-sheets with his boots on, smoking a pipe. When he came down he smashed crockery and brought things into the kitchen and broke them on the floor.

The boy was charged with stealing his sister's clothing and shoes and damaging crockery. He had been in a remand home for a fortnight and told the Bench he enjoyed himself there.

When told that the magistrates thought of sending him home the boy burst into tears and tried to run out of the court, saying he wanted to join the Navy.

He was again remanded to a home.

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ARMY ATHLETIC TEAM CHOSEN FOR SUNDAY

Excellent Sport Expected Against Federation

ON Sunday Army Athletic team will compete against Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation at Canning Hill commencing at 3 p.m. The following have been selected to represent Army in the following events:

Throwing the Discus: Pte. Lever and L/Cpl. Woolley (Middlesex).
Throwing the Javelin: Pte. Lever (Middlesex) and Capt. Skipwith (8th Coast Regt.).

Putting the Weight: Hav. Sarsa Khan (8th Coast Regt.) and L/Nk. Shingara Singh (12th Coast Regt.).
Long Jump: L/Nk. Shingara Singh (12th Coast Regt.) and Gnr. Hardar Ali (H.K.S.R.A.).

High Jump: Chandrabhan Singh (5/7th Rajput Regt.) and Capt. Skipwith (8th Coast Regt.).
Pole Vault: Hav. Sarsa Khan (H.K.S.R.A.) and Pte. Thomas (Middlesex).

400 Metres Relay: 8th Coast Regt. Team.
800 Metres Relay: Middlesex Team.

1,600 Metres Relay: Middlesex Team.

1,500 Metres Team Race: Combined Royal Artillery Team.

5,000 Metres Team Race: Combined Royal Artillery Team.

480 Yards Hurdles: Capt. Skipwith (8th Coast Regt.), Lieut. Pollock (5/7th Rajput Regt.), L/Sgt. Halscy (2nd Royal Scots) and Gnr. Marshall (8th Coast Regt.).

SWIMMING

THE Army Swimming team for the Gala at the Y.M.C.A. tomorrow will be selected from the following:

Sig. Hunt (Signals); Sig. Hodges (Signals); Sig. Bennett (Signals); L/Cpl. Slater (Royal Scots); Bandmaster Jordan (Royal Scots); Pte. McHugh (Royal Scots) and L/Cpl. Quickenden (Middlesex).

The Water Polo League which is being run by European Y.M.C.A. has a list of 10 entries and more are likely to follow.

The League, when in full swing, should provide us with some good games and give the Army team plenty of opportunities to get ready for the Large and Small Cup competitions which will start very soon.

POLO

THE Polo Club of Middlesex Regt. have presented the Hong Kong Polo Club with a very handsome trophy to be called The "Dickards" Cup which will be competed for annually.

This trophy will be competed for the first time at the Gymkhana being held on the Polo Club ground, Boundary Street.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v P.R.C., away).
W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome (Skip).
R. A. Owens, E. I. Groome, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul (Skip).
A. P. Turbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan (Skip).
Reserve:—W. Stonehouse.

HOME SOCCER MIXTURES

Following are the Home Soccer fixtures for Saturday

LONDON CUP

Arsenal v Westham

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Cardiff v Southend
Fulham v Millwall
Leicester v Tottenham
Northampton v Chelsea
Portsmouth v Aldershot

HAMPSHIRE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Queens v Watford
Reading v Brentford

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v Preston
Bolton v Manchester
Everton v Sheffield
Grimsby v Barnsley

CUNTHORPE CUP

Huddersfield v Bury
Tranmere v Chester

CHESHIRE COUNTY BOWL REGIONAL MATCHES

Mansfield v Doncaster
Stoke v Chesterfield

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP FINAL

Middlesbrough v Leeds

LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL

Manchester v Burnley

OTHER MATCHES

Walsall v Aston Villa

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL REPLAY (AT GLASGOW)

Heart v Rangers

CHARITY CUP FIRST ROUND

Farnley v Clyde

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JUNIOR CHESS

There remain to be played 20 games, a good number of which, it is hoped, will be played to-day and Thursday, when Kowloon Chess Club meets at the Peninsula Hotel.

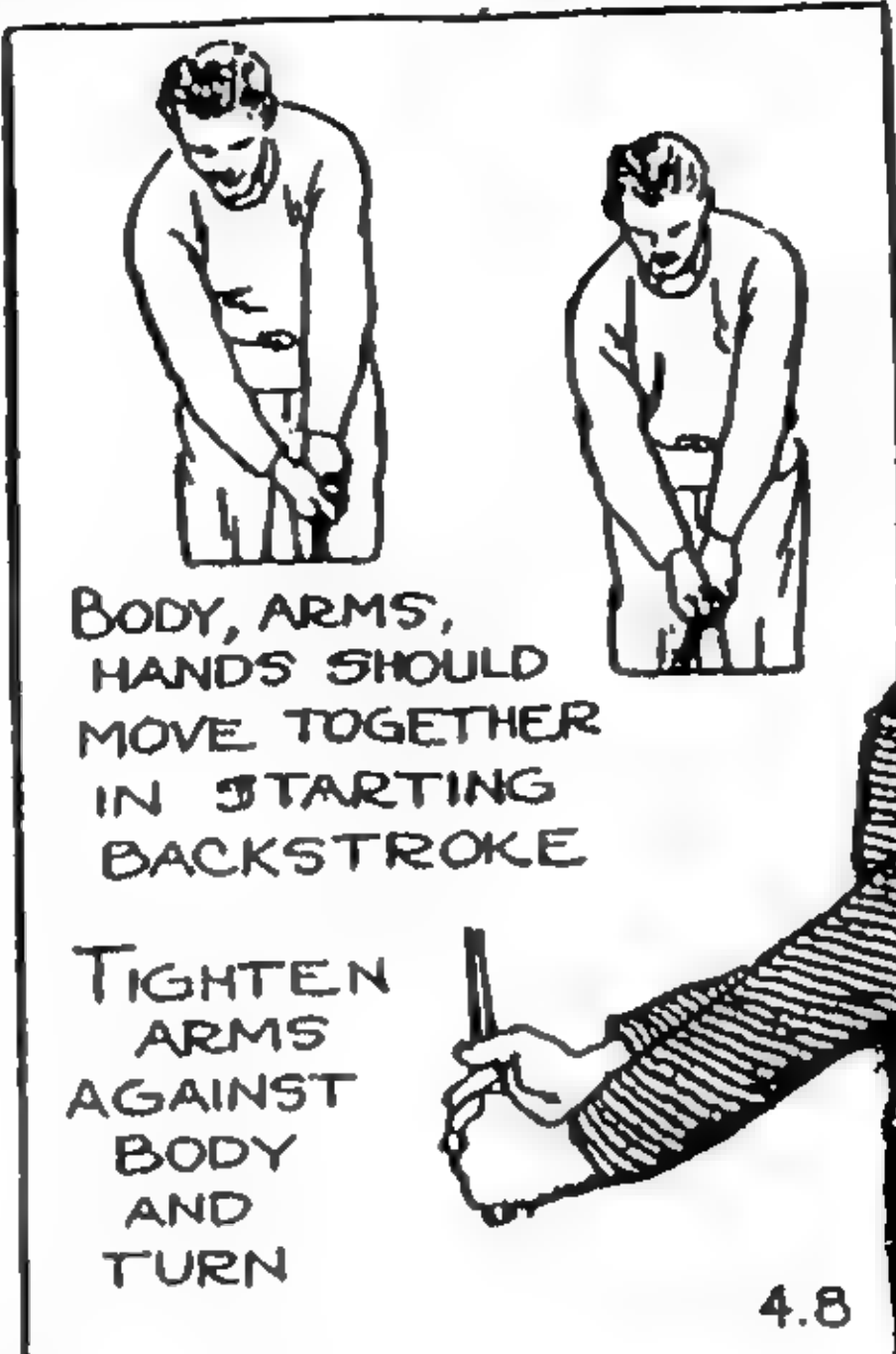
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GOLF RESULT

J. M. Thomson 77-9=68, and M. A. Cairns 80-18=68 tied and qualified for the May competition of the Adamson Cup at Happy Valley Golf Course during the week-end.

GRAPHIC GOLF



ONE MOVEMENT

By Best Ball

If you are having trouble making your golf stroke of the proper union of component parts try the following technique. It is designed to move the body, arms and hands as one in initiating the backstroke. Thus when the mid-section starts turning, the rest of the body revolves with it.

Naturally such a stroke requires a compact form. The golfer stands straight to the ball, the left arm extended but, in this instance, the left hand well on top of the shaft so that the elbow points toward the hole. By pushing the upper part of both arms in toward the chest, the form is set. When the backswing is made from such a stance, the muscles must move and work together.

Next Article: Value of Putting.

ARMY TENNIS

Three Army League tennis matches were played yesterday, with the following results:—

F. A. Staff v. R.E. "B"

In another "A" Division match, F. A. Staff beat Royal Engineers "B" by two points to one at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Col. Lamb and Q.M.S. Quinell (R.E.) lost to H. W. Burne and S. A. Hussain, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

L/Cpl. Shaw and L/Sgt. Spencer (R.E.) lost to T. B. Eureswien and W. A. Reed, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1.

Cpl. Spence and L/Cpl. Pelham (R.E.) beat A. G. Elbin and B. J. Navey, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

R.A.S.C. v. R.E. "A"

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Army Service Corps lost to Royal Engineers "A" by three points to nil in the "A" Division Army Tennis League.

Sgt. Martin and Sgt. French (R.A.S.C.) lost to Major Grose and Capt. Bird, 2-6, 1-6, 2-6.

Cpl. Young and Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) lost to S/Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Ford, 1-6, 3-6, 4-6.

Sgt. Mann and Cpl. Glenn (R.A.S.C.) lost to Q.M.S. Quinell and S/Sgt. Mitchell, 0-6, 0-6, 3-6.

R.A.P.C. v. R.A.M.C.

In "A" Division Army Tennis League, Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Army Pay Corps by two points to 1.

Colonel Forde and L/Sgt. Murray (R.A.P.C.) lost to Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Musson, 2-6, 4-6.

S/Sgt. Adam and S/Sgt. Pinkney (R.A.P.C.) lost to Lt.-Col. Shackleton and Capt. Barclay, 4-6, 2-6.

S/Sgt. Carden and Sgt. James (R.A.P.C.) beat Cpl. Milne and Pte. Don, 0-6, 6-3, 6-2.

A "Ladies' Day" will be held at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Mongkok, on Thursday when all ladies will be admitted free of charge. They can also skate free, providing they bring their own skates.

There will be a hockey encounter between the Middlesex Regiment (Corporals and Sergeants) and the Hong Kong Police for a silver shield.

STORY BEHIND BOB FELLER'S DISCOVERY

FOR FIVE YEARS NOW, Cyril C. Slapnicka has been peacocking around as the discoverer of Robert William Andrew Feller. This got Cyril Slapnicka the job as vice-president and general-manager of the Cleveland club, writes a correspondent.

Meanwhile, the man who found Bob Feller has lived in becoming modesty a few miles from young Feller's farm home in Iowa.

He is Pat Donohue, who 30 years ago did considerable catching for the Athletics and Red Sox.

Cleveland obtained Feller through Donohue's friendship with Billy Evans, the famous umpire whom Slapnicka succeeded as head of the Indians' front office.

"I'll Find A Pitcher"

Evans had befriended Donohue by helping him obtain employment as a minor league umpire last in the American Association.

"Some day I'll find you a pitcher," Donohue promised Evans.

He certainly did.

Out of professional baseball, Donohue umpired semi-pro and amateur games in and around Des Moines, where he resides.

Then, one early July afternoon in 1935, he saw Robert William Andrew Feller.

The old backstop's eyes popped right out of his head, and when he got them back in place, he sat down and wrote Evans a letter.

"Here," it read, "is the greatest pitcher since Walter Johnson."

Feller For \$65 A Month

Evans sent Slapnicka, then a scout, to Van Meter to sign the 16-year-old phenomenon.

This is the one-time pitcher did for \$65 a month.

That was all Slapnicka had to do with Cleve and landing Feller.

Everybody knew about Feller when, a few weeks later, pitcher for the Farmers' Union team of Iowa in the national amateur tournament in Dayton, O., the plough boy struck out 18 in one game and 21 in another.

A small army of scouts, two representing Cleveland among them, tumbled all over themselves trying to sign Feller.

Father Will Feller, who suffered broken ribs in catching and developing his son, had to keep a strong hand on the strapping lad to keep the foxy foragers from lassoing him.

Already Indian Property

Even the Cleveland agents didn't know Feller was already Indian property.

What Slapnicka did do was almost to lose Feller.

Replacing Evans as general manager of the Tribe, he couldn't have built a better case leading to free agency for baseball's finest pitcher had he tried.

Under the sandlot rule in vogue at the time, Slapnicka, as a representative of the Cleve and club, had no right to sign Feller even to a contract of the Fargo-Moorhead club of the Northern League.

That is why the Des Moines club of the Western League, which attacked Cleveland's possession of Feller, was award \$7,500 in the Landis decision which kept the wonder boy in Indian livery.

Feller Stays Despite Juggling And Bungling

Cleveland "recommended" that New Orleans offer and Fargo-Moorhead accept \$200 for Feller's contract.

It "recommended" that Feller "retire." It "recommended" that he come to Cleveland, where he was given employment by the club in its concession department. It "recommended" him for "semi-pro" ball in and around Cleveland.

It "recommended" that he be gotten off the retired list after the Indians used him, ostensibly a New Orleans player "retired" from baseball—in an exhibition game with the Cardinals. It finally "recommended" that New Orleans transfer him to Cleveland for \$1,500.

Fanned 'Em Ace

While officially belonging to those outfits, Feller never saw Fargo-Moorhead of New Orleans. He struck out batters right and left for the semi-professional Rosenblums of Cleveland instead.

It is suspected that Commissioner Landis would have made Feller a free agent in the winter of 1936 had the wonder boy desired his freedom.

Judge Landis also feared the effect such tremendous bidding would have on one so young.

The Yankees and Red Sox were prepared to pay \$100,000 or more for Feller's signature.

So despite all of Cyril Slapnicka's juggling and bungling, Bob Feller, the pitching genius, recognized by old Pat Donohue, stayed with the Cleveland club.

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RAIDS ON BENGHAZI

Widespread Activity By R.A.F., Middle East

Situation In Iraq Stabilised

HEAVY RAIDS ON BENGHAZI, where ships were attacked and three large fires started on the Mole, were made on Sunday, stated a British R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

At Benina, three German and one other plane were set on fire while at Berka, hits were obtained on buildings north-east of the landing ground.

NAZIS DEMAND PASSAGE

The Germans are reported to be pressing the Vichy Government for permission to use the Pau-Saragossa railway to convey German troops to Spain.

This is because the Bordeaux-St. Sebastian line, in occupied territory, is inadequate for carrying troops in large numbers, says the Independent French Agency's correspondent on the French frontier.

THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THE GERMANS INTEND IMMEDIATE USE OF THE PAU LINE, EVEN IF VICHY AGREES BUT THEY HAVE MADE THE REQUEST APPARENTLY TO CONVINCE THE VICHY GOVERNMENT

El Gazala was also raided. At Derna, the landing ground, on which a number of enemy aircraft were dispersed, was attacked and motor-transport in the vicinity was bombed and machine-gunned.

Considerable damage was caused to enemy mechanised units in various places between Tobruk and Derna. One German plane, a Messerschmidt 109, was attacked and destroyed.

The communique also stated that in Iraq the "situation has become stabilised. British aircraft are engaged in punitive operations against the Iraqis in most of the districts where they were observed.

"In Abyssinia, units of the South African Air Force, a Rhodesian squadron and the R.A.F. continued to harass the Italians at Gomma, Senasiamanna, Uadera and Alaga. One British plane is missing from all these operations." — Reuter.

THAT GENERAL FRANCO HAS ASSENTED TO THE PASSAGE OF GERMAN TROOPS THROUGH SPAIN. Marshal Petain so far does not seem to have consented. — Reuter.

TWO LONDON MAYORS KILLED IN RAIDS

Two mayors have been killed in raids on London, the Mayor of Westminster on Saturday night while visiting a shelter which received a direct hit, and the Mayor of Bermondsey, who was helping in fighting fires in a recent raid. — Reuter.

D.E.I. WILL FIGHT

"THE DUTCH ARE RESOLVED AND PREPARED TO FIGHT FOR THE COMMON CAUSE IN THE PACIFIC SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT IT," SAID DR. VAN KLEFFENS, DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO, WITH THE COLONIAL MINISTER, DR. WELTER, HAS ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA FOR A VISIT.

Continuing, the Foreign Minister said: "Geographically, Australia and the Netherlands East Indies are closely linked and an attack on one would affect the other.

"Nobody who has witnessed the incredible bravery of the British people doubts that the Empire and Allied Democracies will win the war." — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

THE MOST SENSATIONAL STORY OF THE WAR

(Continued from Page 1)

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The German statement suggested that Hess was suffering from "mental disorder."

It said he "either jumped out of the plane or met with an accident," and added that Hitler has ordered the arrest of the "dead" man's adjutants.

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"ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, AT ABOUT 6 P.M., RUDOLF HESS SET OFF ON A FLIGHT FROM AUGSBURG FROM WHICH HE HAS NOT RETURNED UP TO THE PRESENT TIME.

"A letter which Hess left behind shows by its distractedness traces of mental disorder, and it is feared that Hess was the victim of hallucinations.

Arrests Ordered

"The Fuehrer at once ordered

the arrest of the adjutants of the party member who alone had any knowledge of these flights and who, contrary to the Fuehrer's orders, of which they were fully aware, did not prevent, or failed to report, these flights.

"In these circumstances it must be considered that the party member Hess either jumped out of the plane or met with an accident."

Last month Hess was reported to have flown to Spain with a message for General Franco.

Later an official denial that he was actually visiting Spain was issued, but it did not say he had not been there.

One Of Old Guard

Twelve days ago Hess was at the Nazi Brown House in Munich receiving Vice-Admiral Salvador Merino, the Spanish Minister of Marine and leader of the Spanish Falangist Syndicate.

Since the 1934 purge, when Captain Ernst Roehm and other National-Socialist Party leaders were killed on Hitler's personal intervention, the Hess affair is probably the most sensational event in German political history.

Hess is a man of imposing presence, tall, well-built and with intense, commanding eyes. He is one of the Nazi Old Guard.

Although he has never played an open part in the Nazi Cabinet, in the way of Goering or Goebbels, he has often been reported to have had great influence over Hitler.

Hitler's Decree

Addressing the German Reichstag on September 1, 1939, on the day of the German invasion of Poland, Hitler declared "Should anything happen to me, then my successor is Field-Marshal Goering and after him the party member, Hess, to whom you would then owe your duty as leader, just as you do to me."

At one time a picture of Hess, was seen more often in the illustrated papers and on the screen than that of any other Nazi leader except Hitler. — Reuter.

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RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY,
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who has deserted the Nazis.

LEAVING BEHIND A FAREWELL NOTE, RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, HAS FLED FROM GERMANY AND IS NOW IN SCOTLAND. HE CRASHED FROM A GERMAN FIGHTER WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY, WOULD NOT HAVE HAD ENOUGH PETROL TO RETURN TO GERMANY.

The most amazing story of the war was told last night in a communique from No. 10, Downing Street, a few hours after Berlin had attempted to anticipate the news by stating that Hess had left a note showing traces of mental disorder and had either committed suicide or fallen from a plane.

Hess, who broke his ankle when he landed, brought photographs of himself at different ages to establish his identity, and has been recognised by several people who knew him well.

A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL HAS FLOWN TO GLASGOW TO SEE HIM IN HOSPITAL.

Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, was present at the Ministry last night when this remarkable announcement was read to representatives of the world's press in a tense atmosphere.

The earlier German announcement was obviously breaking the news to Germans that Hitler's "shadow" and successor-designate after Goering, had disappeared.

The Berlin statement said Hitler had ordered the arrest of Hess's adjutants, for not preventing or reporting his flight, and there were several attempts to suggest that Hess was suffering from mental disorder.

The following statement was issued from 10, Downing Street, at 11 o'clock last night:—

"RUDOLF HESS, DEPUTY FUHRER OF GERMANY AND PARTY LEADER OF THE NATIONAL-SOCIALISTS, HAS LANDED IN SCOTLAND IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES.

"ON THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY, MAY 10, HE LEFT AUGSBURG, BAVARIA, IN AN AEROPLANE FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION AND LANDED BY PARACHUTE IN SCOTLAND, SUSTAINING A BROKEN ANKLE, NECESSITATING HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

"WHEN HE WAS TAKEN HE GAVE HIS NAME AS HORN BUT LATER ON HE DECLARED HE WAS RUDOLF HESS.

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LONDON
NIGHT OF
PEACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Britain's battered capital yesterday was wrapped in silence, in welcome contrast to the fearful bombing of Saturday night and Sunday morning, which reduced whole blocks to smoking ruins and crippled some of the world's outstanding historical edifices.

The stricken city, harbouring hundreds of killed or wounded and thousands of homeless, was given a surcease from suffering in a quiet night.

The sirens wailed three times but no bombs were dropped.

British night fighters intercepted and fought new battles with Nazi bombers which, however, failed to appear over London. — International News Service.

Alert But No Bombs

Before midnight an alert was sounded in the London area last night but for sometime afterwards no raiders were heard overhead.

No Big Attack

Enemy bombers on Sunday night were reported over widely separated districts of Britain and some bombs were dropped but it appeared unlikely that a big-scale attack would develop in any area. The all clear sounded in London in the early morning. — Reuter.

PLACE OF
FORMOSA
IN SCHEME

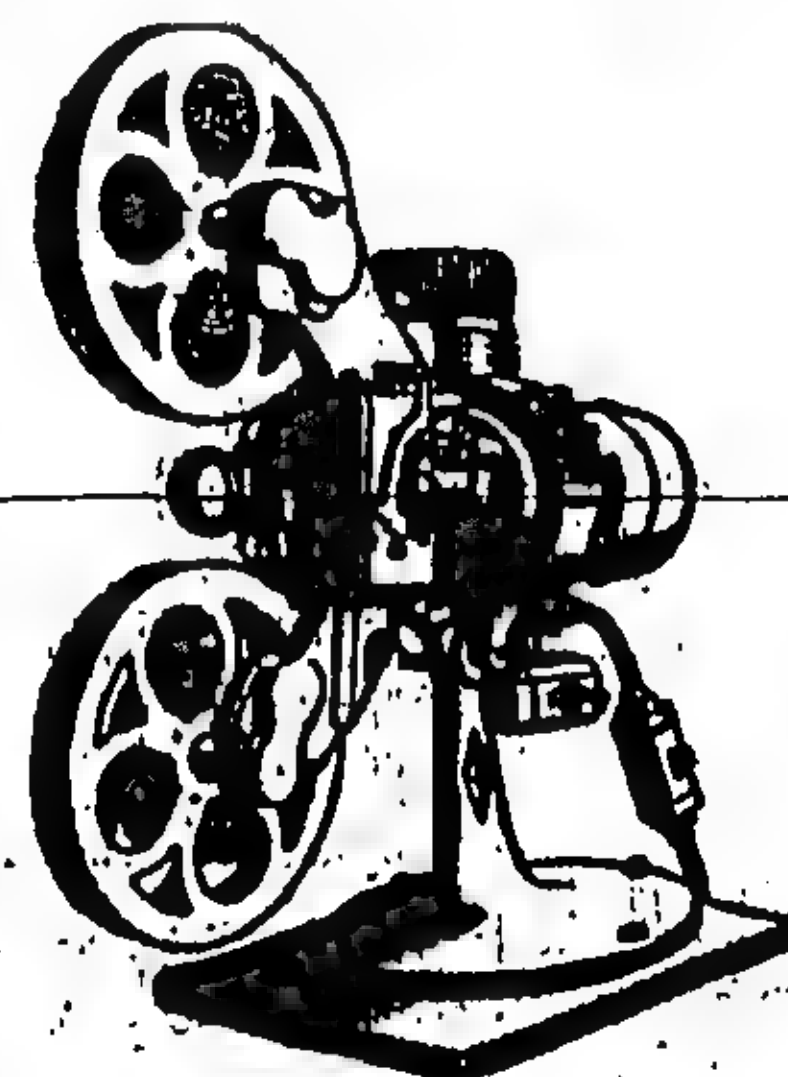
Formosa is to be the "heart" of Japan's "southward movement," according to Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Governor-General of Formosa.

He is quoted in a despatch from Moji, the Japanese seaport, as saying that with this object "facilities for the industrialisation of Formosa will be completed as soon as other measures being carried out are ended." — Reuter.

GROSSLY
EXAGGERATED

Emir Abdullah of Transjordan yesterday personally denied the "pernicious rumours" that he was shot by his son during a quarrel over Iraq.

The Emir is in excellent health, and the rumours are ascribed in Transjordan circles in Cairo to hostile propagandists. — Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE BIGGEST BRITISH BLOW YET DELIVERED OVER A SINGLE GERMAN CITY HAS TRANSFORMED THE LARGE INDUSTRIAL AND WATERFRONT DISTRICTS OF HAMBURG INTO A BLAZING SHAMBLES.

Thousands of high explosive and incendiary bombs were rained down for hours by at least 200 British bombers on Germany's main seaport.

Pilots said demolition bombs squarely hit German warships and two supply vessels, while veteran flyers taking part in the raid declared the havoc was the worst they had ever seen.

It is hinted in London that German American four-motored bombers were used in the raid.

Before Hamburg could recover from the impact of Saturday's attacks, yet another strong force of British bombers were despatched last night to continue the destruction and reorganisation of this great seaport.

The vast expanse of docks and shipbuilding yards, nine miles long, lining the banks of the Elbe, were threatened and crossed by fire, says the Air Ministry. Industrial quarters of the town were also vigorously attacked.

"Equally Successful"

The weather at Bremen, which was the night's other main target, was equally fine.

A pilot said "It was the kind of night when only the bombing could be blamed if we missed the target."

The attack on Bremen was as heavy as that on Hamburg and, says the Air Ministry, "equally successful." — Reuter.

COLONIAL WELFARE OFFICER

The Secretary of State has appointed a Welfare Officer in the Colonial Office whose duty it will be to make arrangements for the welfare of residents of the colonies who are living in or visiting the United Kingdom.

This officer will be especially concerned with the well-being of students, seamen and those who go to the United Kingdom to join His Majesty's forces or to undertake war work, and will work in cooperation with existing Government and other agencies.

The officer selected for this post is Mr. J. L. Keith, late of the Northern Rhodesian Administrative Service. Mr. Keith will be assisted in that part of his work which relates to Africa and the West Indies by Mr. I. G. Cummings, an African from Sierra Leone, who is at present Secretary to Aggrey House.

HITLER ANNOYED?

The Berlin and Bari radio stations, which, during the past week, have devoted their six daily transmissions in Arabic almost entirely to the Iraqi rebellion, last Sunday night abruptly ceased all reference to the Iraqi usurper, Raschid Ali, and confined themselves mainly to reading a rebel communiqué.

Well-informed persons in Cairo express the opinion that Hitler cannot tolerate an unsuccessful

Nine Shot Down On Sunday

"It is now known that in Sunday night's attack on this country a total of nine enemy aircraft were destroyed," says last night's Air Ministry communiqué.

It added there was very little enemy activity over Britain during daylight yesterday.

Early yesterday morning bombs were dropped at a point on the south-east coast, doing little damage and causing no casualties. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT, MENZIES IN LONG TALK

Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, had an hour's bedside talk with President Roosevelt after which Mr. Menzies told pressmen that "there were few things we did not talk about; we circumnavigated the world and it was a stimulating journey."

The Australian Minister, Mr. Casey, who accompanied Mr. Menzies, said that they talked of matters of the "past, present, and future."

Mr. Menzies brought no message from Mr. Winston Churchill to President Roosevelt, but said that he conveyed verbal personal greetings. — Reuter.

CONTROL OF PHILIPPINES WAR SUPPLIES

Legislation designed to stop the supply to the Axis powers of war materials produced in the Philippines was unanimously approved by the Military Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday.

It would empower President Roosevelt to control the export of defence materials including Philippine products. — Reuter.

QUIET DAY ON THE STOCK MARKET

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was quiet but values generally were maintained. Gilt-edged were mainly steady, movements of industrials were small and home rails remained unchanged. De Beers continued strong due to a shortage of stock, and among foreign issues Iraq 4½ per cent yesterday were quoted at 84½ compared with 83. Oils were quiet, with Anglo-Iranian slightly easier. — Reuter.

WAICHOW CAPTURE CLAIMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese claim to have cut another route for supplies to the Chinese Government at Chungking.

Claims are made in an official Japanese announcement in Canton which says that Japanese army and navy forces yesterday afternoon almost simultaneously captured the towns of Waichow and Poklo, both of which are to the south-east of Canton.

Waichow, which has 60,000 inhabitants, is at the confluence of the East and Mitangshui Rivers.

Poklo was taken by the Japanese when they attacked Canton but was later abandoned as being unimportant. — Reuter Special.

REFUGEES FROM IRAQ IN BOMBAY

The majority of British women and children evacuated from Iraq have now reached Bombay, according to a communiqué issued by the Bombay Government yesterday.

So far 80 children have arrived, the majority of them being very young. — Reuter.

BIG ORDER PLACED IN INDIA

Arrangements are being made with a firm in India for the supply of 3,500,000 sanitary cans conforming to British standard specifications. It was stated in Simla yesterday. These cans will be used for foodstuffs for which the Middle East has placed an order in India. — Reuter.

HUGE SHIP BUILDING EFFORT BY U.S.

Eighty per cent of the total tonnage so far lost by the Allies, according to Admiralty figures, is at present under contract or construction in United States shipyards, according to figures issued yesterday by the American Bureau of Shipping.

The figures are 800 ships totalling 5,055,400 tons on May 1. — Reuter.

President Feels "Fine"

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS "FEELING FINE," ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

Although stiff and weak from the effects of his recent stomach trouble the President was well enough yesterday to receive the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies. — Reuter.

ARGENTINE AND NAZI REGIME

"We want no regimes which are against liberty, human dignity and Christ," declared Dr. B. E. Alvear, ex-President of the Argentine Republic and leader of the Liberals, addressing a Radical Party Convention in Buenos Aires yesterday.

The Convention is celebrating the 137th anniversary of the Argentine Assembly's adoption of the song "Liberty" as the National Anthem.

Denouncing Argentinians "who now clamour for neutrality," Dr. Alvear said they were some of the people who, some time ago, thought they could make trouble over the Falkland Islands, but that question had never ruffled Anglo-Argentinian relations and some day would be settled in the friendliest way. — Reuter.

MILITARY CONTROL IN RUMANIA

A further 17 enterprises, including the Rumanian Danube shipping company, have been brought under military control by a decree of the Rumanian Government, according to a Bucharest despatch to Berlin yesterday quoted by Reuter.

EVIDENCES OF FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITY IN IRAQ

A VIVID ACCOUNT of widespread Fifth Column activities by enemy agents in Iraq, which led to the outbreak of hostilities between the British and the Raschid Ali clique, was given yesterday by two Mexican artistes who have arrived in Bombay from Basra.

The artistes, who had been in Iraq six months, said they could detect no anti-British feeling among the people when they went to the country.

Majority of the people of Iraq looked at the coup d'état by Raschid Ali with a good deal of suspicion and uneasiness. They could never expect the new regime actually to involve them in war with the British.

Baghdad was a hotbed of espionage and enemy propaganda, according to the artistes.

Casino Women

In a certain casino in Baghdad there were a large number of women of foreign nationalities who passed off as artistes but who could neither sing nor dance. It was generally believed some of them at least were engaged in political espionage.

The Mexican artistes actually left Basra the day Raschid Ali's forces started hostilities at Habbaniyah. They are firmly convinced that widespread Fifth Column activity was mainly responsible for the present trouble in Iraq. — Reuter.

MOSCOW CONDEMNS RASCHID

Moscow radio on Sunday night sharply criticised the attitude of Raschid Ali, the Iraqi usurper, according to Ankara reports received in Cairo yesterday.

In a broadcast for Rumania, the announcer is stated to have described the Iraqi rebels as "instruments of foreign powers." It is understood that no reply has yet been received from Raschid Ali to Egypt's offer to mediate in the dispute with Britain. — Reuter.

PARLIAMENT'S NEW HOME READY

Has Been In Use Several Times

(By Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent)

The extensive damage done to the House of Commons will make necessary the use of a replica of that Chamber which has existed elsewhere for some time past and which actually has been used on a number of occasions for full meetings of the Commons.

The reserve Chamber is smaller than the original Commons. The Speaker's chair, the green benches and gangways familiar to visitors to the old Commons, are reproduced in form, though the familiar green leather is replaced by green cloth.

FRANCO MOVES AGAIN

Following his recent far-reaching administrative changes, General Franco yesterday issued a number of decrees making changes in high Army posts.

These include the appointment of General Ascencio Cabanillas, hitherto High Commissioner to Spanish Morocco, to be Chief of Staff.

A new Commander-in-Chief, Balearic Islands, is also appointed, General Gonzalez replacing General Kindelan, who takes command of the fourth region of Spain.

General Miguel Ponte, hitherto general commanding the army in Morocco, is made Captain-General. Reuter.

The Press sit at the opposite end of the Chamber from that to which they are accustomed, sharing available space with diplomats who formerly had their own very exclusive gallery.

Another site is ready and complete in every detail and has been well tested in debates which have taken place there.

There is a similar reproduction of the House of Lords in existence which has also met already in its new surroundings. Reuter.

GEN. DE GAULLE IN BRAZZAVILLE

General de Gaulle attended a Joan of Arc memorial service at Brazzaville yesterday. He also reviewed troops and conferred decorations, states Brazzaville radio.—Reuter.

SPAIN AND VICHY IN CONSULTATION

The French Ambassador in Madrid, M. Pietri, returned to Spain yesterday from Vichy where he had a talk with Marshal Petain.—Reuter.

Italian Morale Lowered

Despite bad weather the British forces in the southern sector of Abyssinia are following up their successes while strong pressure is being maintained by columns operating south of Addis Ababa.

The enemy's morale, according to reports received in Nairobi yesterday, is being shaken by ground straining by the South African Air Force and attacks of various Patriot armies directed against the Italian flank and rear.—Reuter.



Big Ben, damaged, but still chiming out the time for Londoners and the B.B.C.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY INTACT STRUCTURALLY

SURROUNDED BY RUINS, West Minister Abbey to-day is structurally intact.

Examination shows that the roof was not irretrievably damaged and the organ, one of the finest in the country, is undamaged.

Four of the ancient stone arches of the Little Cloister have been damaged by fire.

Abbey music, the library and priceless parchments, and also the famous Coronation Stone, had been removed some time ago to places of safety.

Yesterday, when workmen were busy putting a temporary cover over a hole in the roof, was the anniversary of the Coronation.

Where Their Majesties the King and Queen sat in their Coronation robes beneath a lantern which is now open to the sky was a heap of rubble and broken wood.

The seats then occupied by Peers and Peeresses and high officers of State in their colourful robes and uniforms were thick with dust which has covered everything.

THE SCENE TO-DAY IS INDEED A STARK CONTRAST TO THAT DAY FOUR YEARS AGO.—REUTER.

ATTACKS ON RAF BASES

It was authoritatively stated in London yesterday that while a number of R.A.F. aerodromes were attacked on Sunday night, enemy claims are as usual grossly exaggerated.

Except at one or two points damage was not considerable and the number of Service casualties was not large, though these included some killed.—British Wireless.

A Berlin claim (quoted by International News Service) said that 45 R.A.F. bases were raided.

INDISCRIMINATE AS FRENZY OF AN APE

THE WANTON ATTACK on priceless monuments of British history, such as Westminster Abbey and Westminster Hall, is still the subject of indignant comment, and photographs in the press of the damage emphasise one description that the attack on London on Saturday night was "as indiscriminate as the frenzy of an ape."

The moral of German losses is pointed by the "Evening Standard" which says: "It is probable that the Germans reckon their heavy losses in night battles throughout this month more in the numbers of airmen killed or lost than in the numbers of machines forfeited."

"These airmen were specially skilled. Indeed, constantly throughout this war, pilots have had to acquire new skill."

"Most of the German airmen were first trained for cooperation with land forces. They have since had to learn an aptitude for air warfare over the sea and by night."

"Our own night fighting pilots have been called upon to bring their prowess to a yet higher

pitch. In their hands and brains reside our most precious possessions."

Greatest Number

"Victory in the end may be achieved by the side which can mass the greatest number of skilled airmen. If that be the test we should not quarrel."

"The youth of Britain and America can outmatch that of Nazi Germany both in individual comparison and numbers. The Democracies have a potential superiority."

"It is their business, by planning training schemes on the largest and swiftest scale, to make that superiority decisive."—British Wireless.

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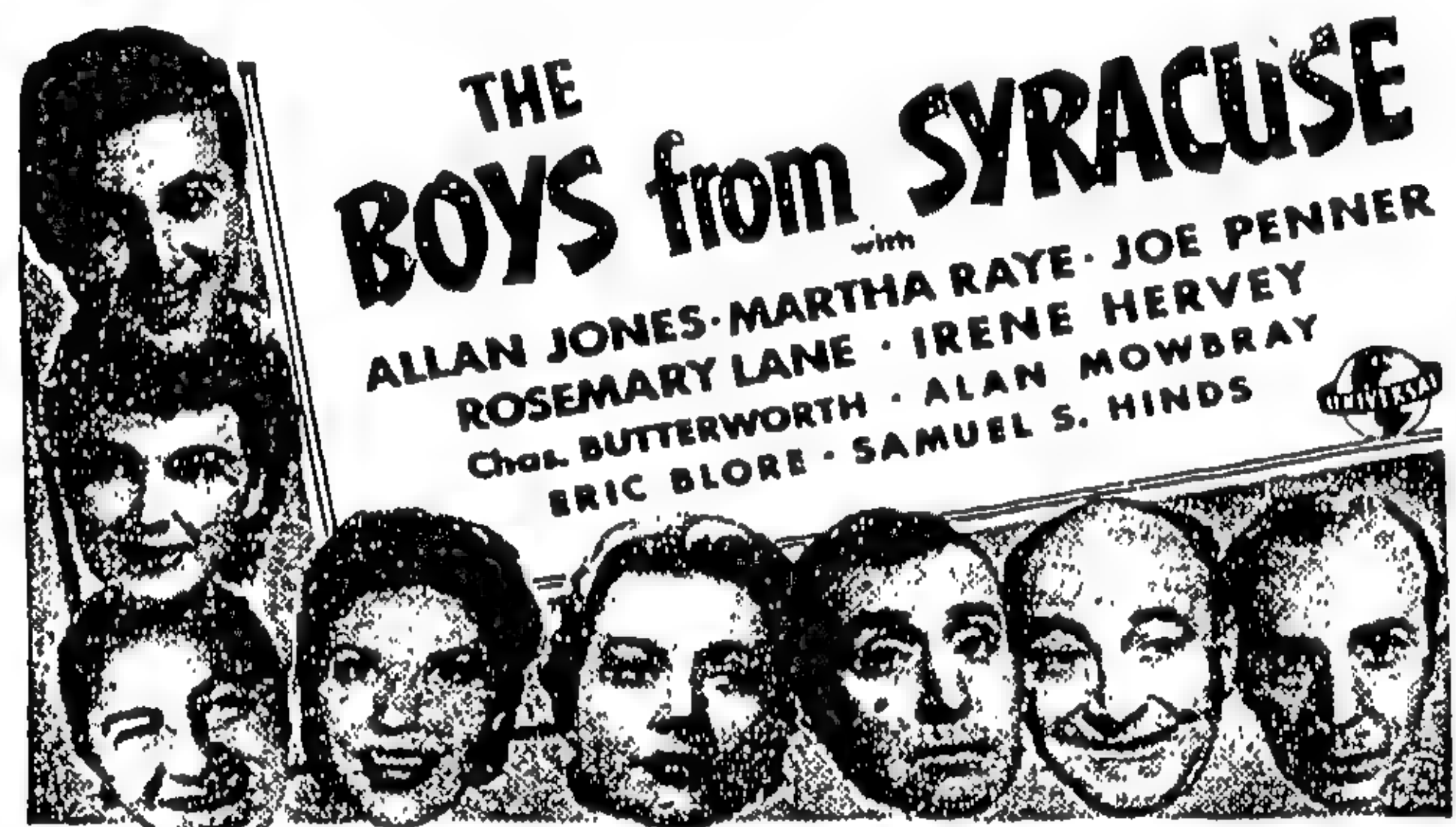
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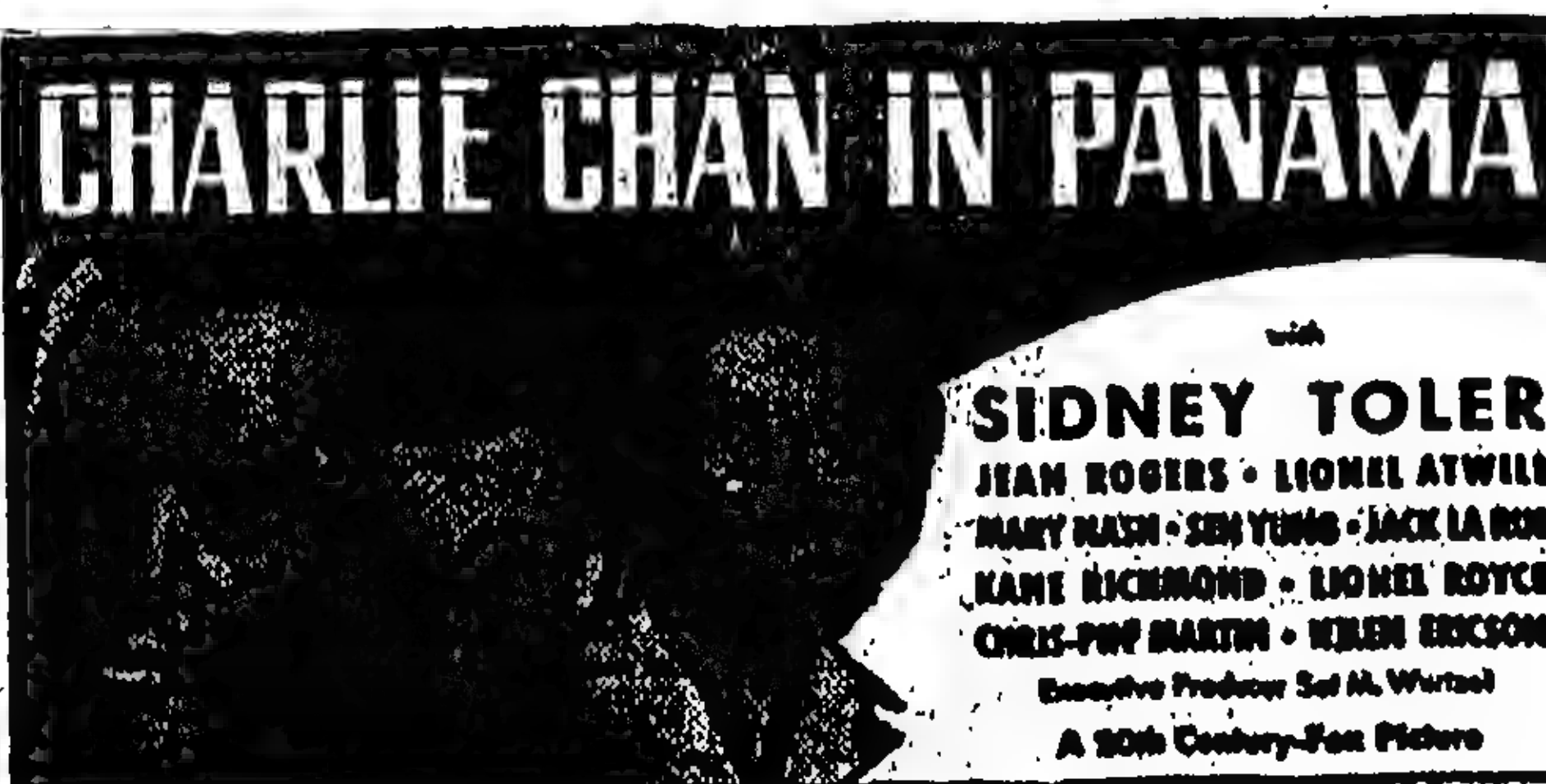
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AMAZING NORWEGIAN DEMONSTRATION

LOFOTEN FISHERMEN have threatened to destroy their nets and cease fishing altogether if any more of their houses are destroyed by the Germans who are burning them as reprisals for the British raid, it was learned in London yesterday.

An amazing demonstration of Norwegian solidarity with the British occurred at a recent funeral of three British airmen shot down during a raid.

Although the lonely island was chosen for the burial and the date and place were kept secret, it leaked out and was passed on by word of mouth.

When the cortege arrived at the tiny island, the Germans were astonished to find that hundreds of people who had crossed in scores of small boats, were lining the graveside, according to a message to the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.—Reuter.

NAZIS DEMAND PASSAGE

The Germans are reported to be pressing the Vichy Government for permission to use the Pau-Saragossa railway to convey German troops to Spain.

This is because the Bordeaux-St Sebastian line, in occupied territory, is inadequate for carrying troops in large numbers, says the Independent French Agency's correspondent on the French frontier.

THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THE GERMANS INTEND IMMEDIATE USE OF THE PAU LINE, EVEN IF VICHY AGREES, BUT THEY HAVE MADE THE REQUEST APPARENTLY TO CONVINCE THE VICHY GOVERNMENT THAT GENERAL FRANCO HAS ASSENTED TO THE PASSAGE OF GERMAN TROOPS THROUGH SPAIN.

Marshal Petain so far does not seem to have consented.—Reuter.

ICELAND PAYS A TRIBUTE

NEWSPAPERS IN ICELAND COMMENTED ON SATURDAY ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRITISH OCCUPATION AND SHOWED SATISFACTION AT THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS AND APPRECIATION OF BRITISH WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO THE ICELAND POINT OF VIEW.

"Timinn" says: "The behaviour of the soldiers has been noble and gentlemanly. They have tried to recognise and honour our national pride and patriotism."

"Visir" says: "Daily relations during the past year have, on the whole, been good. The British have shown greatness by yielding to our wishes on many points."

"Nothing in the behaviour of the British has evoked as kindly feelings in the hearts of Icelanders than the consideration shown us on our National Day."

"While the British forces stay here, let us do our best to further good relations."—British Wireless.

AMBASSADOR SAYING FAREWELLS

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, outgoing American Ambassador to China, in Chungking yesterday bid farewell to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, yesterday. In the evening he had supper with Mr. Lin Sen at the latter's villa in the Chungking suburbs. He will bid farewell to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day.—Central News.

D.E.I. WILL FIGHT

"THE DUTCH ARE RESOLVED AND PREPARED TO FIGHT FOR THE COMMON CAUSE IN THE PACIFIC SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT IT," SAID DR. VAN KLEFFENS, DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO, WITH THE COLONIAL MINISTER, DR. WELTER, HAS ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA FOR A VISIT.

Continuing the Foreign Minister said: "Geographically, Australia and the Netherlands East Indies are closely linked and an attack on one would affect the other."

"Nobody who has witnessed the incredible bravery of the British people doubts that the Empire and Allied Democracies will win the war."—Reuter.

FRENCH GRAIN CROP RUINED?

Moscow radio said yesterday that half the grain crop in unoccupied France has been destroyed owing to late frost, according to a Reuter despatch from the Soviet capital this morning.

U.S. PROMISES OF ARMED AID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, has told Latin-American naval chiefs that the U.S. is prepared to send their nations full military assistance in defending the western hemisphere against an attack from Europe or Asia.—International News Service.

INDO-CHINA SOLD OUT TO JAPAN BY VICHY

IN LESS THAN A YEAR, Indo-China has lost territorial integrity, economic independence and freedom of diplomatic action, contrary to the honourable undertaking of the Vichy authorities, who proclaimed themselves defenders of the integrity of the French Empire.

This is the view of Free French circles in London on the recently concluded Franco-Thai Peace Treaty.

They recall that in September, last year, Vichy concluded with Tokyo, despite protests from Chungking and Washington, an agreement whereby Vichy ceded to Japan the right to establish military, naval and air bases in Indo-China and also facilities for military operations against China.

Tokyo interpreted the agreement as Vichy's recognition of Japan's hegemony in the Far East.

A few months later Japan delivered an ultimatum in the form of mediation between Thailand and Indo-China. Vichy, isolated in the Pacific, gave way again, ceding to Thailand a part of Laos and Cambodia in spite of the disapproval of the local authorities and population.

Japanese Colony

By the economic agreement concluded on May 6, Indo-China has been virtually made Japan's colony for exploitation.

Among other things it is stipulated that principal Japanese products be exempted from duties.

HELLENIC ORGANISATION

An overseas Hellenic National Committee has been officially created in Egypt under the Central Government of Crete.

Similar committees will be formed very shortly in North and South America, South Africa and Australia, where there are large Greek communities anxious to help in the struggle.—Reuter.

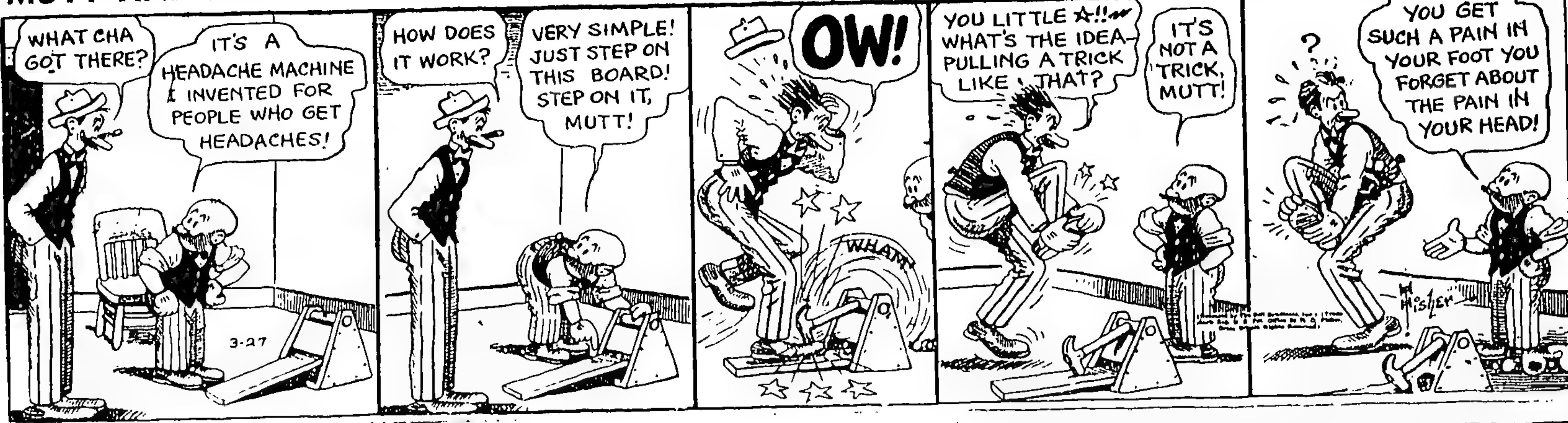
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FIREMEN COBBLE FOR BOMBED-OUT

(By A Special Correspondent)

YOU CAN'T KEEP these London Fire Service boys down. They've started mending shoes now — in their spare time.

Regularly every week, about eighty of them spend a couple of hours making old boots and shoes serviceable again for people bomb-

ed from their homes. Big shoes, little shoes, men's, women's, children's, it doesn't matter. They all come alike to these firemen cobblers.

And it's no botched-up job they turn out, either. Every one of the men has been trained by Mr. John H. Wallis, L.C.C. instructor at Bermondsey Men's Institute.

It all started when Mr. A. E. Hill, head of the Institute, suggested giving the Mayor of Bermondsey a helping hand with the old boots and shoes sent to him for the relief of distress among blitzed families.

"Show Us How"

He asked the firemen quartered in a sub-station underneath the Institute if they would like to help.

"Sure we will. Show us how to do it. When do we start?" they chorused.

Mr. Wallis showed them. Now between forty and eighty pairs of boots and shoes a week are made serviceable by the men.

Materials for the repairs are paid for from the Mayor's air-aid relief fund. Ns. 50(rwhs

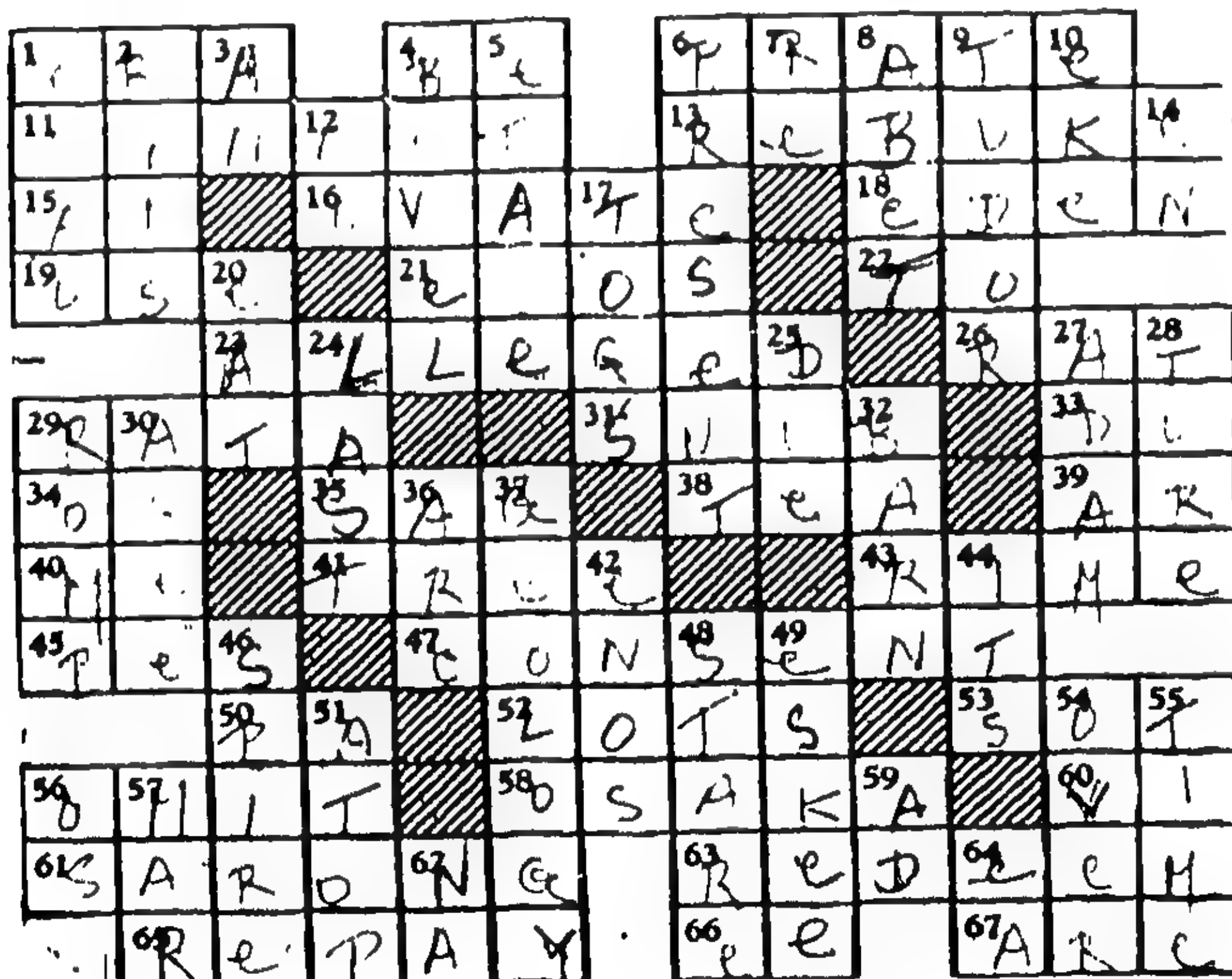
WOMAN DETECTIVE MARRIES

Miss Katharine Sanderson, a young woman detective, whom members of the Special Branch at Scotland Yard described as brilliant, was married at the Scottish National Church, Crown-court, Covent Garden, to Pe Alexander Mackay, of Strathpeffer.

Miss Sanderson, who comes from Che-hue, was attached to the Special Branch when the IRA outrages began in Britain. She trailed two of the leaders and was one of the women detectives referred to as "Miss A" and "Miss B" during the trial at the Old Bailey.

When the war began she carried out many important secret inquiries for the Yard. She resigned her position in view of her marriage.

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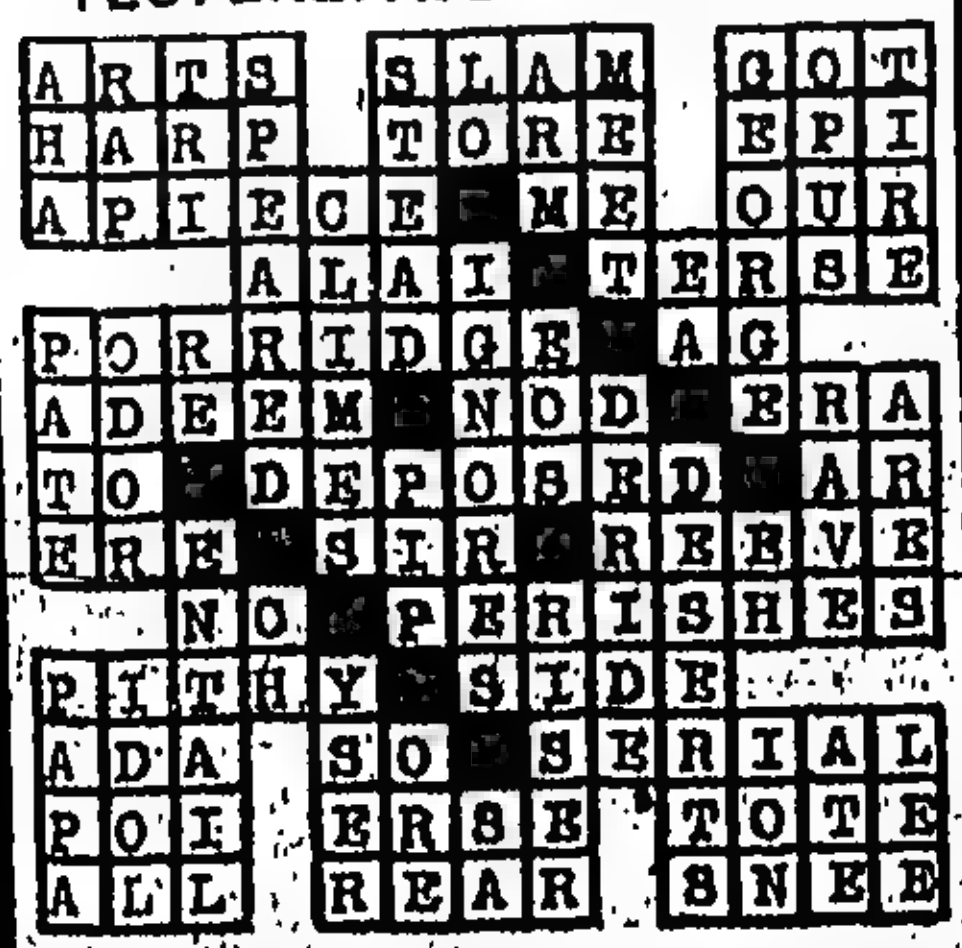
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Period of time
- 4 To exist
- 6 To talk foolishly
- 11 Short poem
- 13 To reprimand
- 15 By
- 16 Egg-shaped
- 18 Paradise
- 19 To employ
- 21 Epic poem
- 22 Toward
- 23 Asserted
- 26 Rodent
- 29 List
- 31 Deliberate slight
- 33 Note of scale
- 34 King of Bashan
- 35 To sink
- 38 Beverage
- 39 Land measure
- 40 Pronoun
- 41 Woody plant
- 43 Hoar frost
- 45 Footlike part
- 47 To agree
- 50 Colloquial: father
- 52 Apportion
- 53 Taper
- 56 To leave out

VERTICAL

- 1 Son of Isaac
- 2 Decays
- 3 Article
- 4 Oblique
- 5 Public
- 6 Warehouse
- 7 Gift
- 8 Note of scale
- 9 To aid
- 10 English royal line

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



AMERICAN STEAMER SEIZED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese military in Shanghai yesterday seized an American-owned coastal steamer, the Estelle, while the crew were unloading a cargo of cotton carried through the Japanese blockade.

The U.S. consulate is expected to protest to Tokyo.—International News Service.

SOVIET PRAISE FOR STALIN

"Pravda," commenting on the second anniversary of the 18th party congress, declares that the past two years has brilliantly confirmed the rightness of the policy abroad and at home, approved then and applied since under Stalin's leadership.

It was then Stalin made his last great pronouncement on policy. Recalling that speech, "Pravda" writes: "The main expectations of warmongers were built on getting Russia into the war, forcing her to fight in the interests of Anglo-French capitalists."

"Comrade Stalin divined this plot of imperialists, and stressed as the one main aim of foreign policy 'to be careful not to let our country be involved in conflicts by provocateurs who are accustomed to using catspaws.'"

Stalin's policy, "Pravda" points out, not only succeeded in guaranteeing the safety of the Soviet frontiers but of their extension. This was the biggest victory for the party's policy.

CHILD BORN IN SHELTER

A woman had her fifteenth child, which was born in a shelter, and was provided with a layette sent by the American Red Cross, states a report of the Women's Voluntary Services.

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DOCUMENTS BURNED AND BURIED

BLITZ GIVES LAWYERS LOTS OF TROUBLE

LAWYERS ARE proverbially pretty good at getting people out of trouble. But some hundreds of them now are facing the biggest packets of trouble that they have ever known.

Their offices and chambers have been bombed in the Blitz, and thousands of sets of important documents have been destroyed.

Solicitors and clerks, and K.C.s and counsel have recovered a few of the papers by forming themselves into salvage squads and digging among the ruins of their premises; but in the majority of cases the bulk of their papers have gone for ever.

And in some cases the loss of these documents may be very important indeed not only to the lawyers themselves, but to their clients.

They include:

WILLS. Sometimes with valuable lists of securities and properties attached. Where the testator is still alive, it should be possible to get a new will drawn.

DIVORCE PLEADINGS. Documents have been lost in scores of cases. Summaries of evidence, carefully compiled after many consultations and incorporating the reports of "inquiry agents," who have shadowed respondents and co-respondents from hotel to hotel for months, have gone up in flames or been buried beneath tons of debris.

HIGH COURT DOCUMENTS. Many valuable sets of documents, including original "exhibits" to be handed to the judge, and intended to High Court and House of Lords cases, have been destroyed.

One K.C. arrived at his chambers the other morning to find that all the papers were destroyed in a case where he was to go before the Court of Appeal and ask for a reversal of a life sentence.

LEASES AND DEEDS. There are hundreds of leases and deeds relating to property in some of the lawyers' offices that have gone up in the blitz. These deeds often constituted the only title that the owners had to their property.

SKELETONS IN THE CUPBOARD. One of the difficult types of cases to deal with will be that with which many of the old-fashioned firms of solicitors are acquainted.

They handle the private business of the old landed families, and sometimes have handled it for hundreds of years.

With the papers in these cases lost, and with some of the ladies coming forward again out of the past, there may be some awkward situations.

NOT WIFE NOW BUT MUST PAY

The Court of Appeal has decided that a separation agreement between Mr. Ernest Louis Adams, a Metropolitan police sergeant, and his wife, continued to subsist after the husband obtained a decree of nullity of marriage.

An appeal by Mr. Adams from a decision of Shoreditch County Court Judge to this effect was dismissed.

Under the separation deed the husband agreed to pay his wife £1 a week.

Last year Mr. Adams obtained a decree of nullity of marriage, and he then ceased payments under the deed. The wife sued him in the County Court for arrears and obtained judgment.

Lord Justice Scott said that Mr. Adams could apply to the Court to vary the terms of the separation deed.

"SPAIN ALONE MASTER OF HER DESTINY"

Ramon Serrano Suner, Foreign Minister of Spain under the regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, said in a speech that "Spain alone is the master of her destiny" and would defend her liberty "within the European order."

Suner spoke at the village of Mota del Cuervo whose inhabitants were the first to rise against Napoleon's domination.

Suner lashed out against what he called a "plutocratic democratic" state (presumably Great Britain). He said the state in question "denied everything to Spain" and now "appears again with the fantastic pretext of saving us."

The foreign affairs chief declared that Spain's foreign policy was dictated by her own free will in her own national interests. — Associated Press.

BRITON'S RIGHT

For eighteen years Archibald Bennett, of Yatesbury, Wilts., was a good farm worker. But he hated cows.

He would not attend them. When Bennett was ordered to give up possession of a cottage, the Judge said he had exercised the elementary right of every Englishman to choose his own career.

U.S. PUTS PRESSURE ON THAI, REPORT

VILAS OSATANANDA, minister without portfolio in the Thai Government, expressed belief the United States is silently applying economic pressure against Thailand as the result of dissatisfaction with the recent trend of Bangkok's policies.

The Thai official, in Batavia on an official business trip, told the Associated Press of a number of instances when orders placed in the United States were countermanded at the last moment without what Thailand believes is an adequate explanation.

"Apparently," he said, "the American government is afraid that Thailand has entered too close relations with Japan, and therefore is restricting our purchases."

He recalled that 10 American-made aeroplanes purchased by the Thai government had been halted recently in Manila. He said a \$150,000 shipment of oil was cancelled at the last minute.

"It is virtually impossible to purchase Diesel oil, iron bars, etc., in America now."

The official vehemently denounced that Thailand had fallen under Japanese influence.

"We are in the position of a small buffer state between Great Britain and Japan, and we are asking only to be left alone. We are pursuing a totally independent and neutral policy."

Osatananda said Japan had not asked to purchase or lease areas for naval air bases and such a

R.A.F. 'PLANE CRASHES ON HOUSES

A British aircraft, believed to have been piloted by a Czech and stated to have been flying apparently upside down, crashed on to some houses in Saint Clements Road, Bournemouth.

The occupant of the houses was injured and taken to hospital.

The plane, which appeared to be in the middle of a roll, became wedged on the houses.

DARTMOOR HEAD REPORTED HURT

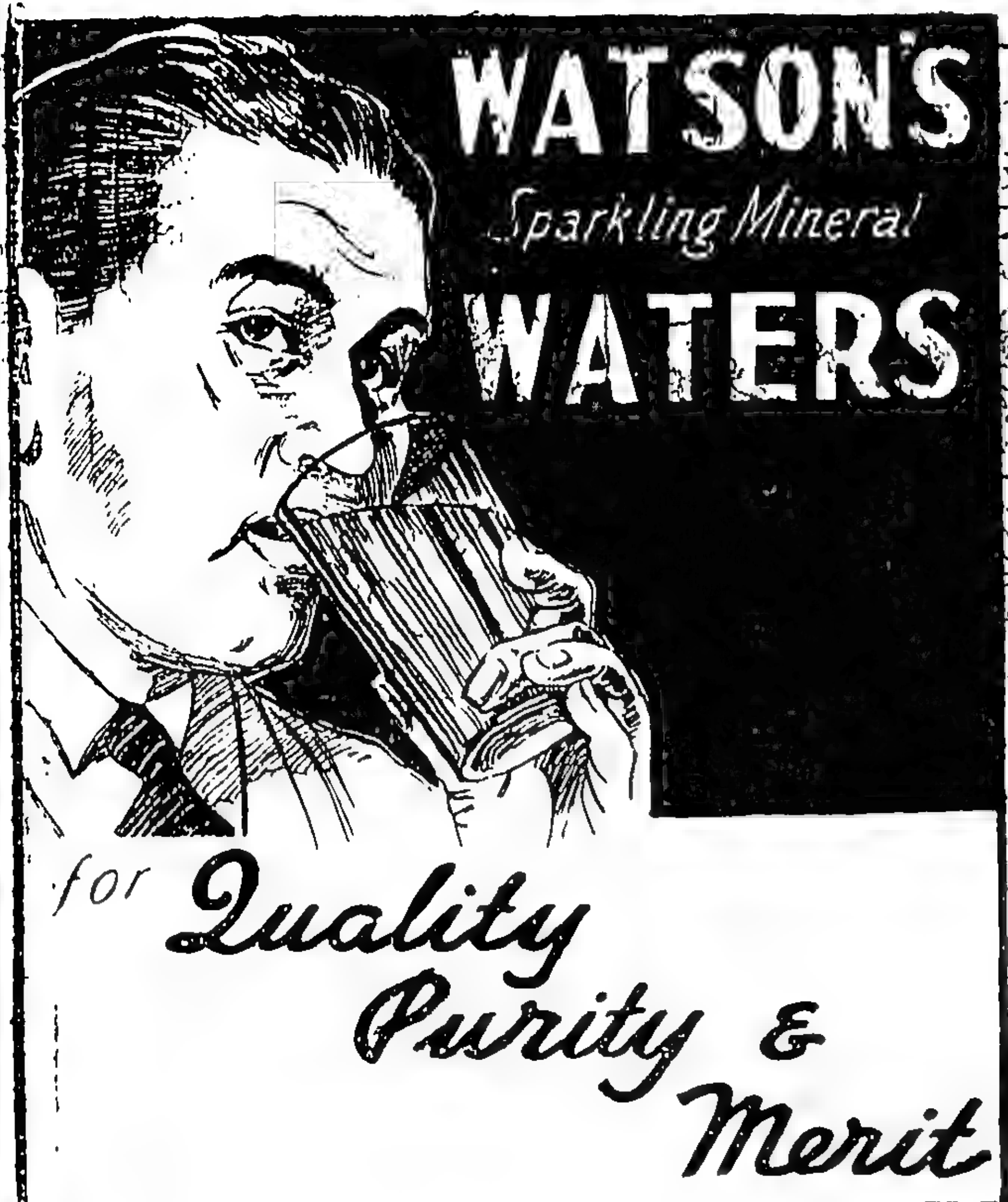
It was reported that Major C. Pannall, Governor of Dartmoor Prison, has been injured in the head by a mug thrown at him by a convict during a scene.

Major Pannall is said to have received a nasty wound. His condition was not serious, it was added.

An official of the Prison Commissioners said that he had no information of any such incident.

Major Pannall, who is sixty-two, has been Governor of Dartmoor since shortly after the mutiny, early in 1932, when convicts set fire to some of the buildings.

In December, 1932, he took special leave to recuperate from injuries after an attack by a convict.



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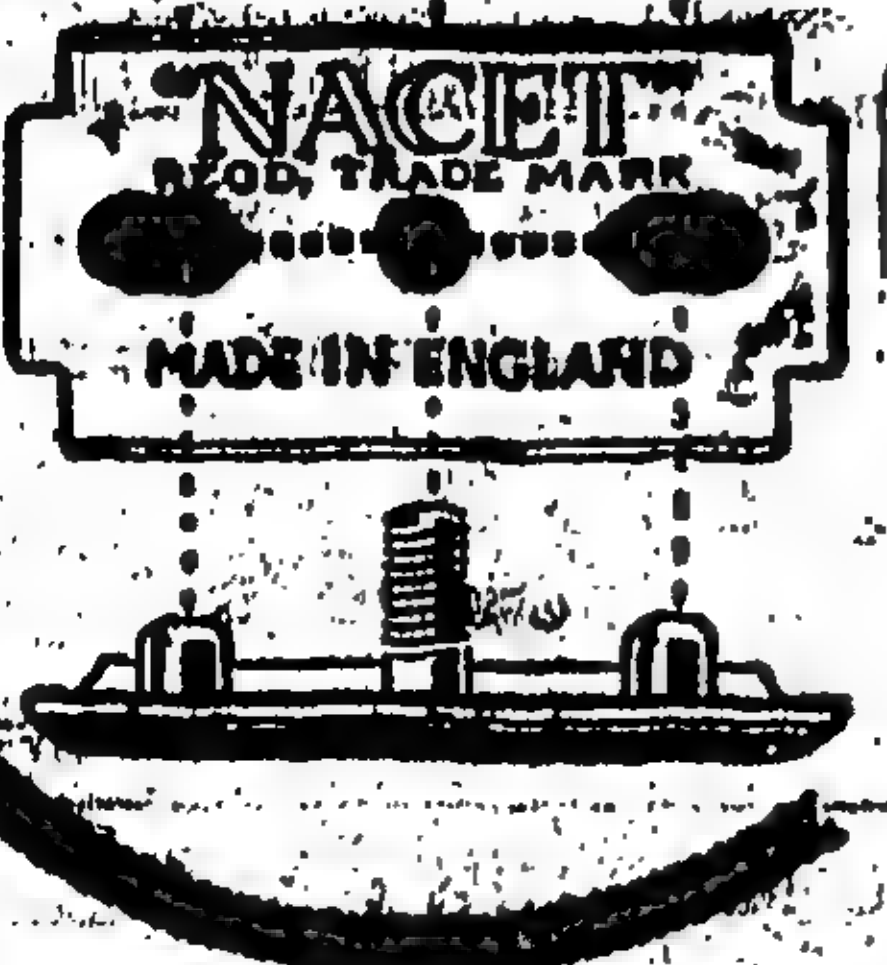
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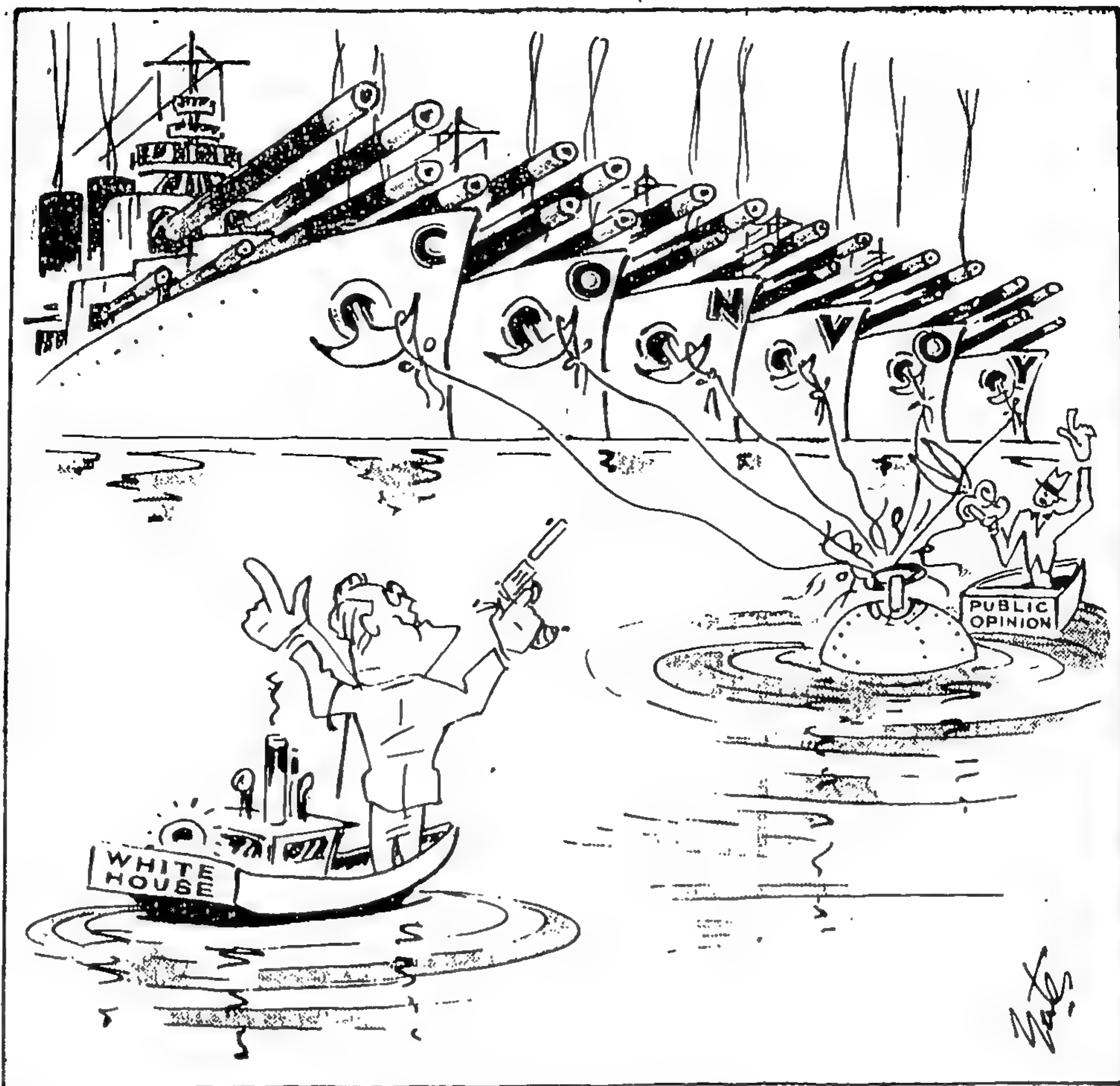
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POST-WAR PLANNING

A nation passing from war to peace is exposed to two dangers. One is that the mere mass of the tasks of reorganisation may be too much for its constructive capacity, worn and tired as it is by the strain of an arduous effort. The other is that concentrated exertion is apt to be followed by reaction. The tension of war is a stimulus. In a sense the ordinary man lives above and beyond himself in an atmosphere of duty and action; when the tension is relaxed there is a certain nervous weakening; the rigid discipline of the war becomes hateful to mind and memory; there is a strong disposition to return to normal habits of life. Of this reactionary temper there was a striking illustration after the Napoleonic wars. In 1816 the House of Commons repealed the income tax, which Pitt had introduced in 1799, and passed a resolution that all the records should be destroyed. There were illustrations after the last war. A notable example was the fate of the inter-Allied organisations. In the autumn of 1918 the British Foreign Office urged that for some time after the conclusion of peace a nucleus of international organisation should be retained and that the machinery of the blockade should be superseded by a system of international economic control. During the post-war period this organisation was to be more or less conterminous in its membership with the League of Nations. The French Foreign Office approved. Unfortunately the United States Government, to the great disappointment of Colonel House, replied, through Mr. Hoover, refusing not only to agree to these proposed improvements but also to continue collaboration with these inter-Allied bodies. This decision robbed the Peace Conference of most necessary guidance and was one of the causes of the tragical failure of the League of Nations. In both these cases there were no doubt powerful interests hostile to reform, but there was also the rebound of strong instincts from a discipline accepted under the pressure of danger. The ordinary Englishman suspected the Government in 1816; the ordinary American suspected Europe in 1918. As soon as the war was over those suspicions governed their conduct.



WAITING THE SIGNAL

LAND POWER versus SEA POWER

By
Lord Strabolgi

History is repeating itself in the present war. The great Napoleon had his Continental system which he organised after his armies had conquered a great part of Europe and his diplomacy, backed by force, had succeeded in neutralising or bringing into active alliance the rest of the European Continent. He was then faced by Britain only able to exercise sea power for a period. Today the German publicists speak of their Continental system and taking as an example the success of diplomacy supported by violence in the Balkans, declare that sea power can be beaten. Even if the supreme ordeal of an attempted invasion of the British Islands is not accepted, the German High Command believes it can so injure British seaborne trade as to be able to force a decision. Considering for a moment the experience of the past, the time came when Napoleon's power was

It is satisfactory, therefore, to see that Lord Reith has large and comprehensive views, that the Government is impressed by the character of the problem, that it is not afraid of bold plans for economic and administrative reform, that it is agreed on the necessity for a central planning authority. Lord Reith's immediate arrangements, too, are promising. He is having the circumstances of three bombed towns closely investigated, to find what light they throw on his general problem. He is making use of experience and intelligence drawn from different fields. His own energy is a guarantee that any task that falls to his department will be handled with vigour. We must hope that the same sense of urgency will inspire all the Ministers on whose initiative these schemes apparently depend.

weakened by unrest and even active revolt among the conquered peoples. When this uprising became active enough in Spain, Britain, by the use of sea power, was able to send assistance and, indeed, to build up a considerable army, and create a new and exhausting theatre of war for France. The time is approaching when British armaments will have reached such proportions that any revolting people which can be communicated with by sea will receive considerable British help.

The position of Britain vis-à-vis the German Continental system is stronger relatively than it was during the Napoleonic era because the Colonies of those days have now grown into great Dominions with large resources and important engineering industries, and because the whole of the North American Continent has been industrialised and developed and is giving great help of all kinds to the British Isles.

To what extent can the Germans and Italians hope to cut off this assistance from overseas by the use of submarines and raiding warships? There is no doubt that great efforts have been made in Germany particularly to build large numbers of submarines and the German naval authorities have concentrated on a smaller type of under-water craft capable only of comparatively short sea voyages but nevertheless suitable for operating from the French harbours and reaching the Atlantic trade routes, particularly from Brest and the French ports in the Bay of Biscay. The difficulty will be to provide sufficient trained crews for this enlarged submarine flotilla. Submarines were only built for the modern German Fleet after 1933 so that only about six years have been available for training the personnel.

In the World War of 1914-18 Germany started with a large and highly trained submarine flotilla and the German Fleet had had experience with this type of craft for some 15 years. Even so, great difficulties were experienced in efficiently manning the German submarines in the last war particularly during its later stages. Several years of practice and experience are required to make a good submarine commander. The duties are so exacting and so much skill is required to use a peris-

cope efficiently that only a comparatively small number of naval officers of any nation ever become submarine captains of the first order. The work of every member of the crew is highly specialised and at least two years intensive training is required for the key men in the crew, who number about one-third of the complement.

Supposing, however, these difficulties are overcome; British counter-measures are increasing in efficiency. An immense British programme of building anti-submarine warships had been embarked on before the present war broke out and it was expanded and speeded up with the outbreak of hostilities. This programme is beginning to bear fruit. Again, the expansion of the flying services available for the defence of seaborne trade is very great. Very large numbers of long range aircraft of improved efficiency and speed are coming into service.

Very large figures have been given for the production of new German submarines during recent months. The shipbuilding yards in Germany, or under German control have a large capacity, and this is known with considerable accuracy. The figure of 600, which has been given by some observers, is quite outside the capabilities of these shipbuilding resources. It would be a very great achievement if even 200 new submarines, large and small, had been completed since the war began.

As for the attack on commerce raiders, such as the damage done to a large convoy in the Mid-Atlantic by the heavy German cruiser, Hipper recently, we need not under-estimate the seriousness of it. The German Admiralty had building at the beginning of the war two battleships, the Bismarck and the Tirpitz. These may have been completed and put into commission by now. They are powerful vessels, of high speed, and no doubt they could be sent out into the Atlantic by way of the Norwegian coast and thus hope to evade the British Home Fleet. While their fuel lasted, they could prove a serious menace to convoys in mid-ocean. This, again, is an example of history repeating itself. During the long wars between England and France in the sailing-ship era, the French frequently concentrated on commerce attack and used for the purpose the largest warships of the day. The answer was to concentrate the trade in very large convoys and to escort these with squadrons of battleships. Though methods have changed, the principles of strategy remain the same.

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BRITAIN'S FIRST ALLY: CANADA'S EFFORT

PROOF THAT APART from manpower contributions to the fighting services the aid being given to Britain by her Dominions represents material support of the first dimension, is adduced by the weekly journal "Economist," which observes that Canada is Britain's first ally.

Canada's last budget, it writes, "is proof enough that Canada's war effort is not being stemmed by dissension."

First estimate of war expenditure in 1940/41 was 500 million dollars. After Dunkirk it was raised to 700 millions.

"In effect, it was 1,300 millions, something like a quarter of Canada's national income, which is rising rapidly, and in 1941/42 war expenditure is to be 1,450 million dollars.

"Total expenditure will be 1,918 millions, over £35 per head of population, man, woman and child.

"The corresponding figure in Great Britain is £94 per head.

"Canada is high among industrial nations and is the third largest exporter in the world and the largest exporter of wheat and non-ferrous metals.

Equal To Italy

"The national income of Canada is equal to Italy's and a quarter of that of Germany and Austria together.

"Total production in the Dominion is said to be 70 per cent. higher than in 1918, when the Dominion war effort was at its peak.

"The flow of food, raw materials and manufactures makes Canada a granary, mine and arsenal alike to the British Commonwealth."—British Wireless.

EDUCATION AFTER THE WAR

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TOLD THE LONDON BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS THAT PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE EDUCATIONAL PLANNING WOULD SOON BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITIES AND TEACHERS.

Three main lines of advance, to be undertaken as soon as possible after the war, would be:

Firstly, raising of the school leaving age to 15 without exemptions,

Secondly, establishment of day continuation schools,

Thirdly, reform and expansion of the secondary school system.

Referring to religious teaching in schools, the President said there was growing unity among religious bodies and indications that the cause of Christian education would no longer be injured by controversies between the Christian communities.—British Wireless.

7,000,000 STEEL HELMETS

More than seven million steel helmets of standard types have been supplied, chiefly to the Fighting Forces, the Home Guard and the Civil Defence Services.

CHALK WAR IN FRANCE

The chalking of inscriptions on walls in unoccupied France—described as the "chalk war"—is the only form of public discussion possible, according to the Swiss newspaper "St. Galler," which says:

"It is a soundless war between Storm Troops, Party functionaries and the masses."

The French Popular Party chalk inscriptions praising Pétain and Doriot or against the Jews while supporters of General de Gaulle simply chalk the letter "V" or the Gaullist cross.

Praise of the British Royal Air Force, in "Vive R.A.F.," is often to be seen.

Notices are now often stuck on landings to prevent them being chalked upon and on hoardings in streets. The inscription of "Vive Pétain" is never defaced.

The Swiss newspaper says: "Pétain condemns the chalk war but the chalk war respects him."—British Wireless.

"REBUILD LONDON AS WAR MEMORIAL"

WHAT WILL LONDON look like when it is rebuilt after the war? Statements by four of the men who will be closely concerned with this reconstruction provide a clue:

Lord Reith, Minister of Works and Buildings: It is stupid to say planning is not necessary in a city which has spread tentacles of desecration over so vast an area of green fields.

Mr. Emil Davies, chairman of the L.C.C.: You must have space at all costs. Warehouses should go from the centre. We want garden cities, not skyscrapers.

Mr. Charles Latham, leader of the L.C.C.: Let us not be mere copyists, seeking to reproduce old buildings, however beautiful. Let our buildings express the aspirations of our own time.

Sir Giles Scott, the architect: We must have greater simplicity of control. Under our present system no scheme can escape being stripped of its virtues. We must be bold and trust the experts.

These points were made at a "Building the New London" lunch held by Foyle's at Grosvenor House. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wilkinson, who presided, said the City Corporation were anxious to cooperate with Lord Reith.

Mr. Emil Davies said that steam trains should be banned from

London as they are from New York, and private owners of land must not be allowed to frustrate the plans of authorities.

Mr. Latham protested against the way factories, bungalows and shacks had been allowed to litter the sides of new arterial roads. Peace should be commemorated not with hundreds of individual war memorials but with a new London that should be an everlasting memorial to the glory of the people of London.

Post-War Housing

Post-war towns of concrete houses were envisaged by Mr. W. Cyril Cocking in a paper read to the Institute of Structural Engineers in London.

"The urgent necessity to re-house large numbers of people when the war is over," he said, "will create an acute shortage of bricks and seasoned timber, whereas there will be a ready supply of cement and steel."

The Institute of Structural Engineers is considering the appointment of an expert committee to make recommendations for post-war housing.

NEVILLE STACK IS FLYING AGAIN

Captain T. Neville Stack, flight superintendent and chief test pilot to a Midlands aircraft firm, who broke one leg in five places and the other in three when a plane he was testing crashed in July, 1939, is flying again.

His "B" pilot's certificate, granted in 1919, has been restored. In 1926 he made the first long distance light aeroplane flight from London to India. Both his sons are in the R.A.F.

STRIKERS WARNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

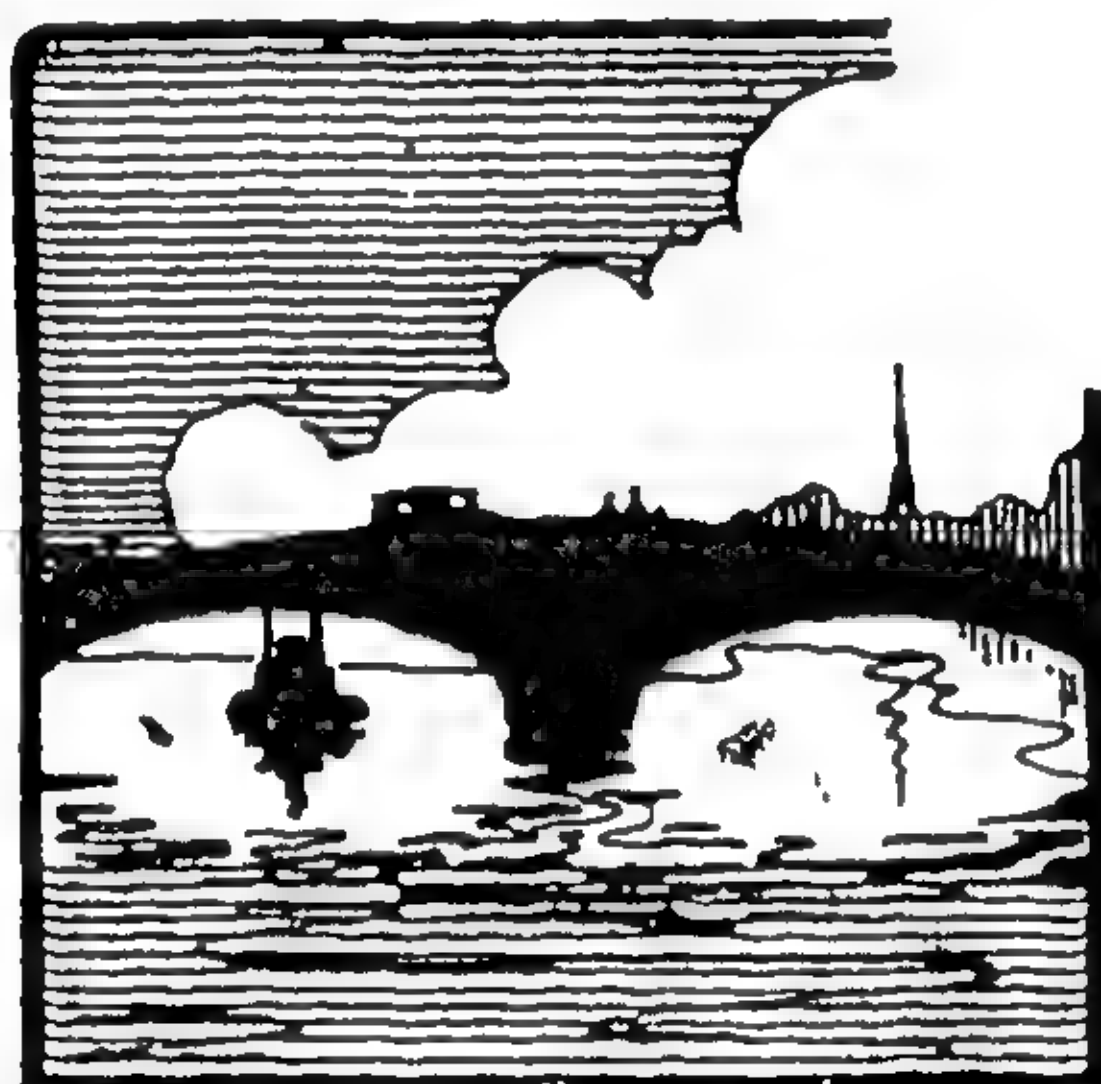
HARRY TRUMAN, U.S. SENATE INVESTIGATOR, YESTERDAY THREATENED CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AGAINST DEFENCE STRIKES, ESPECIALLY THE MACHINISTS' WALK-OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHIPYARDS, WHICH HAVE MORE THAN \$500,000,000 WORTH OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

Meanwhile it was announced in Detroit yesterday that some 160,000 General Motors workers will strike on Thursday unless an agreement is reached.

A strike would not affect the Corporation's defence contracts, that union added, though this is denied by Corporation officials.—International News Service.

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MANCHESTER LEARNS LESSON FROM THE BLITZ

(By A Special Correspondent)

IN EVERY TOWN I find the same reaction to bombing — a proud, even passionate, conviction that nowhere else in England have people been through such hell. Manchester is no exception; and the city really has been hit much harder than most Southerners imagine.

There are large areas of rubble and many skeleton walls jaggling the skyline like bad teeth.

If one adds that most of the damage was due to sheer slackness in fire-watching, the obvious reply is that a few months ago precautions were no more satisfactory anywhere else.

Nearly all the damage was done on two nights. After heavy bombing with high explosives the raiders launched the real attack; incendiaries fell like hail. Where fire-watchers were active these did little damage.

Exchange Destroyed

But some of the finest buildings, such as the Royal Exchange, said to be the biggest commercial premises in the world, were occupied by scores of offices and shops which did not employ watchers. They soon caught fire and the flames spread fast.

When day broke the pillar of fire by night dulled into a pillar of smoke. With darkness the fires that had seemed dying glowed red again, and the bombers came back, this time for a shorter period.

By the second morning the blitz was over, and Manchester could take stock. Tall commercial buildings behind Piccadilly had gone; so had rows along Corporation and Miller Streets, and that quaint old market area, the Shambles.

Eight churches were destroyed, more were damaged so seriously that they cannot be repaired during the war, and a large number suffered minor damage. One of the places badly hit was Cross Street Chapel, a cradle of Non-conformity.

Eight hospitals were hit, and of the Free Trade Hall there is nothing left but the facade.

Cathedral Damaged

The Cathedral was damaged, but not seriously. The picturesque 15th-century Chetham Hospital nearly opposite, housing a blue-coat school and the oldest free public library in England, escaped altogether; and so did the John Rylands Library, with its 300,000 volumes.

And how does Manchester take it all? The average man is philosophic enough, but it would be wrong to deny that, over two things, there is dissatisfaction. One is fire-watching; the other is communications. One observer told me that he travels 10 miles each way daily on a line not affected by bombing or even traffic. The journey takes from 90 to 105 minutes.

"Manchester people will put up with any amount of danger and hardship, where necessary," said my friend. "To keep tired men and women hanging about in the cold and rain needlessly is just moral sabotage. People are becoming coldly angry, and if the railway companies won't do anything about it the Ministry of Transport should."

GAOLED FOR DOG CRUELTY

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed at Enfield, Middlesex, on Thomas Henry Oakman, of Lavender Hill, Enfield, for what the chairman of the Bench described as a "terrible case of cruelty" to a dog by failing to give it proper care and attention. Oakman was disqualified from keeping a dog for five years.

His dog was found tied to a chain so heavy that it caused the animal's head to sink towards the ground.

V. C. HERO — BUT AUDIENCE SCARED HIM

Sergeant John Hannah, of the R.A.F., Britain's youngest V.C., won his decoration by his courage and coolness. But, when he visited an aircraft factory he could not make a speech.

He had been presented to the workers by Mr. Handley Page, managing director of the firm, in the lunch-time break at the canteen. They wanted him to speak, but all he managed to say was "Thank you. I am very glad to be with all you boys and girls."

TERRORISTS HANDLED OVER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai Municipal Police yesterday handed four Chinese terrorists and a woman into the custody of the Japanese military.

The step followed the terrorists' confession that they had taken part in the bombings of the Nanking-sponsored Central Reserve Bank on February 28, when four bombs were hurled inside the bank premises and a bodyguard was shot dead.

Further investigations are proceeding by the police in an effort to round up the others. International News Service.

ACTION AGAINST S.M.C.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The full Shanghai Consular Court yesterday reserved judgment in the city's \$1,000,000 fan-tan land tax case, filed against the Council by four Chinese fan-tan land owners, disputing the Council's right to claim rates on their properties dating back nearly 100 years, as their ancestors are considered exempt, being owners of land prior to the Council's administration. International News Service.

GERMANS FAIL TO BREAK NORWAY'S RESISTANCE

NORWAY'S WILL TO RESIST — passively but stubbornly — the mixture of blandishments and brutalities by which the German authorities seek to govern the country is not breaking under the strain.

Professor Jacob Worm-Mueller, late professor of modern history at Oslo University, who made a remarkable escape with his wife from Norway, has given an interesting picture of life in the occupied land.

The professor left his country in circumstances he is not prepared to divulge, and made his way to Stockholm with only a vague idea of his future movements, but with a determination to reach England even if he had to travel round the world to do it.

This, in fact, he did. A normal peacetime trip of some 36 hours was converted into a journey taking nearly two months.

His route lay by air from Stockholm to Moscow; by train across Siberia to Vladivostok; from there to Tokyo by boat; thence to the United States and Canada; by ship to Lisbon, and thence by flying boat to England.

Passive resistance to the Nazis, the professor said, was the best weapon the Norwegians had in their armoury. It showed itself in many ways and in all classes of society.

School-children became aware that their lessons smacked of a strange philosophy, and decided that strike action was called for. The love of the nation for its

King produced a crop of national emblems engraved with his figure in the lapels of thousands of loyal countrymen. When the Nazi police ordered these emblems to be removed some other symbol—a coloured pencil in a certain pocket, or a handkerchief worn in a certain way—would make its appearance with uncanny unanimity.

Audacious Escapes

Escapes by sea from Norway to Britain, undertaken under circumstances of the greatest audacity, at one time became frequent occurrences.

Professor Worm-Mueller said that he was surprised to meet in the centre of London one day a Norwegian in the uniform of the Oslo tramways. It appeared that the man had left his tram, made his escape "through the usual channels" and had had no chance to change his clothes!

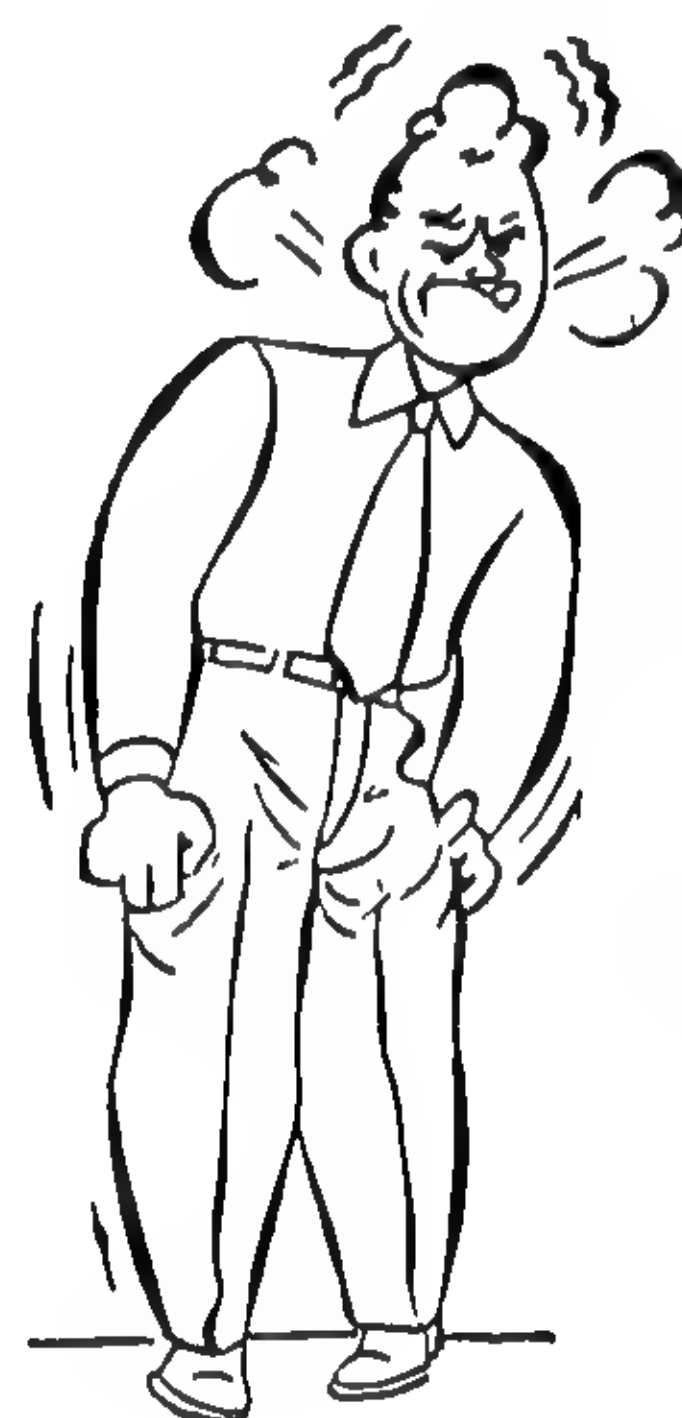
Another man who got away brought with him an amusing account of the German preparations for the invasion of Scotland. Outside Oslo a students' hostel had been converted into a barracks, and in the quadrangle German soldiers in Scottish kilts marched up and down to a somewhat amateurish skirl of the bagpipes.



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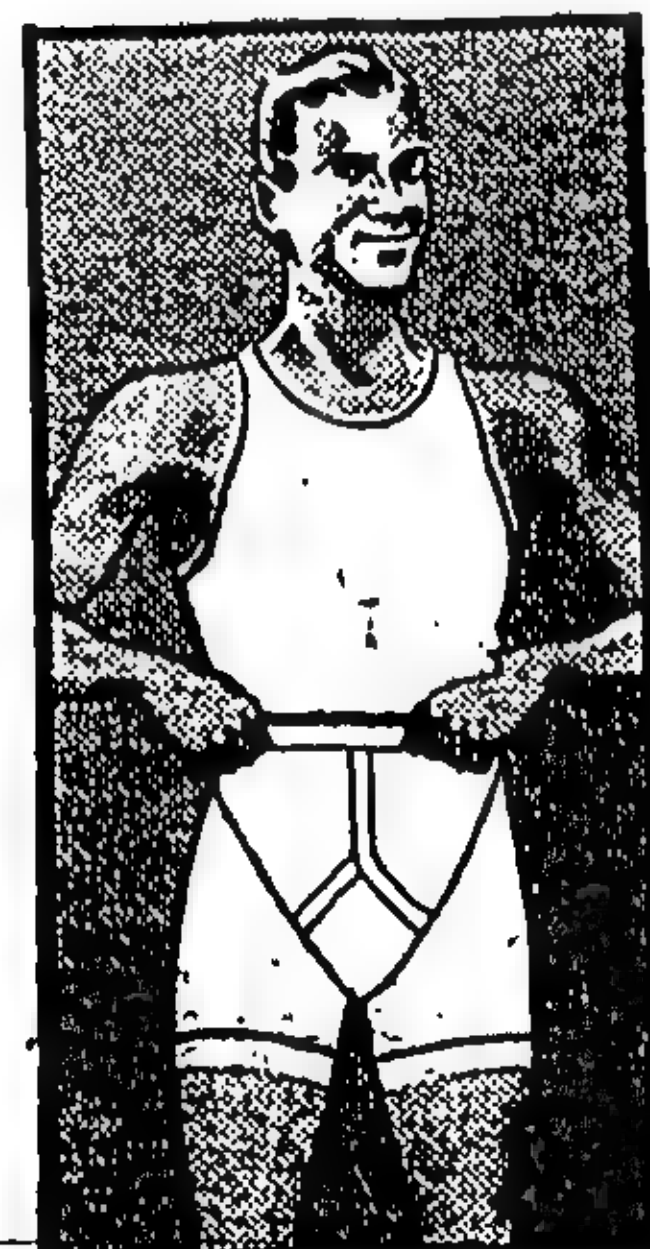


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BRIDGE NOTES

THE IMPORTANCE OF PASSING By The Four Aces

Most players are anxious to learn how to bid, but few realise how important it is to know when to pass. Of course, the average bridge fan has little trouble in deciding on a pass when he has a very weak hand; it's when he has good cards that he cannot bring himself to hand control over to his partner by passing. For example:

North, Dealer
North South vulnerable

♠ 10
♥ A J 7 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ K Q J 8 3

♠ K Q 8 7
♥ 4 3
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ 6 4

♠ A J 9 5
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ 4 3
♣ 10 9 5

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ | 1♠ |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | 4♠ |
| 5♥ | DBL | Pass | Pass |

North had a good hand, but had already bid his full strength when West tried the sacrifice bid of four spades. Furthermore, it was clear to everyone at the table that West didn't expect to fulfill his contract of four spades. So if North had passed, he could have been quite sure that South would take some action.

If South had a long heart suit and good distribution, he would probably bid five hearts; otherwise he would double four spades and collect a sure profit rather than try for a doubtful one.

As it happened, South had no chance to make five hearts, for the bad trump break resulted in the loss of two hearts besides the club Ace. If North had passed four spades, South would have been delighted to double; and four spades would have been set four tricks for a loss of 700 points.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 7
♥ Q 10 7 4 2
♦ K 9 3
♣ K 8 4

The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenker | Ten | Major |
|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| 1♠ | 1♠ | 2♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 2♠ | (?) | |

ANSWER: Pass. You have already shown your values, and your partner was unwilling to go on. There is no particular point in a bid at this stage, and much harm might result from overstating the strength of your hand.

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 714

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

| Jacoby | Schenker | Ten | Major |
|--------|----------|------|-------|
| 1♠ | 1♠ | 2♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | (?) | |

What do you bid? (Answer

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He is Mr. A. G. Minns, of Bramley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, who has received a letter from his divisional officer complimenting him on his keenness and devotion to duty.

Mr. Minns is in the A.F.S. section at the works where he is employed as assistant to the works manager, and since air raids started he has helped to fight seventy-two fires at the works, besides going out to other fires in Birmingham.

Fought 12 Fires

"I was a member of the firm's volunteer fire brigade for ten years before the war," he told the "Daily Mirror." "When the A.F.S. was started I wanted to join. I said I was active, but at first they would not take me. I applied for a medical examination, and after the doctor had seen me I was accepted."

"We have had some exciting times since I started. One night we had twelve fires in the factory, and six of us were fighting them all night. Factories on both sides of us were burning and making a wonderful target, but we managed to put our own fires out and save the building."

Mr. Minns's twenty-nine-year-old son is also a member of the A.F.S. with long hours of duty to his credit.

HARVARD FILM

A film showing the Tercentenary Celebration of the founding of Harvard College in Cambridge will shortly be brought here for a private showing to Harvard men in Hong Kong and their friends.

Arrangements for the occasion are being formulated by a Committee composed of Dr. J. Heng Liu of Union Drug Company and Mr. W. W. Hoffmann of the American Consulate-General. There may be a dinner party during which a Harvard Club of Hong Kong may be inaugurated.

It is requested that all Harvard men in Hong Kong send their names and addresses to either member of the Committee so that notices may be sent to them.

FRANK LOVES TRAINS

Frank Bye loves "puff-puffs" so much that his mother says he is "train-mad."

He became rather tired of admiring from afar. The thought of a great adventure grew in his three-and-a-half-year-old mind.

He walked a mile of traffic-congested streets to Lime Street Station, Liverpool and boarded a train.

Two hours later he was found at Stafford, nearly seventy miles from his home at Lowhill, Liverpool.

Police were able to restore him quickly to his parents because he had been taught to tell them his name and address.

"The only explanation I can give for his escapade," said Mrs. Bye, "is that I used to take him for a sun bath at the clinic and to get there we had to pass the station."

All Frank would say was: "I like riding on railway trains. I saw the big puffer and I went with it."

He had a grand time at Stafford. The station staff fed him on chocolate apples, and other luxuries.

Frank had to go back in the guard's van. But he went "talking trains all the way."

"I've come back, Mummy," he greeted his parents.

Then he was lifted to the footplate of the engine, where he talked to Driver Whalley and Fireman Tatton.

He didn't want to leave the driving cabin, and he was on the verge of tears as he told Mr. Whalley, "I'd like to go back with you."

HAT-TRICK PILOT FREED

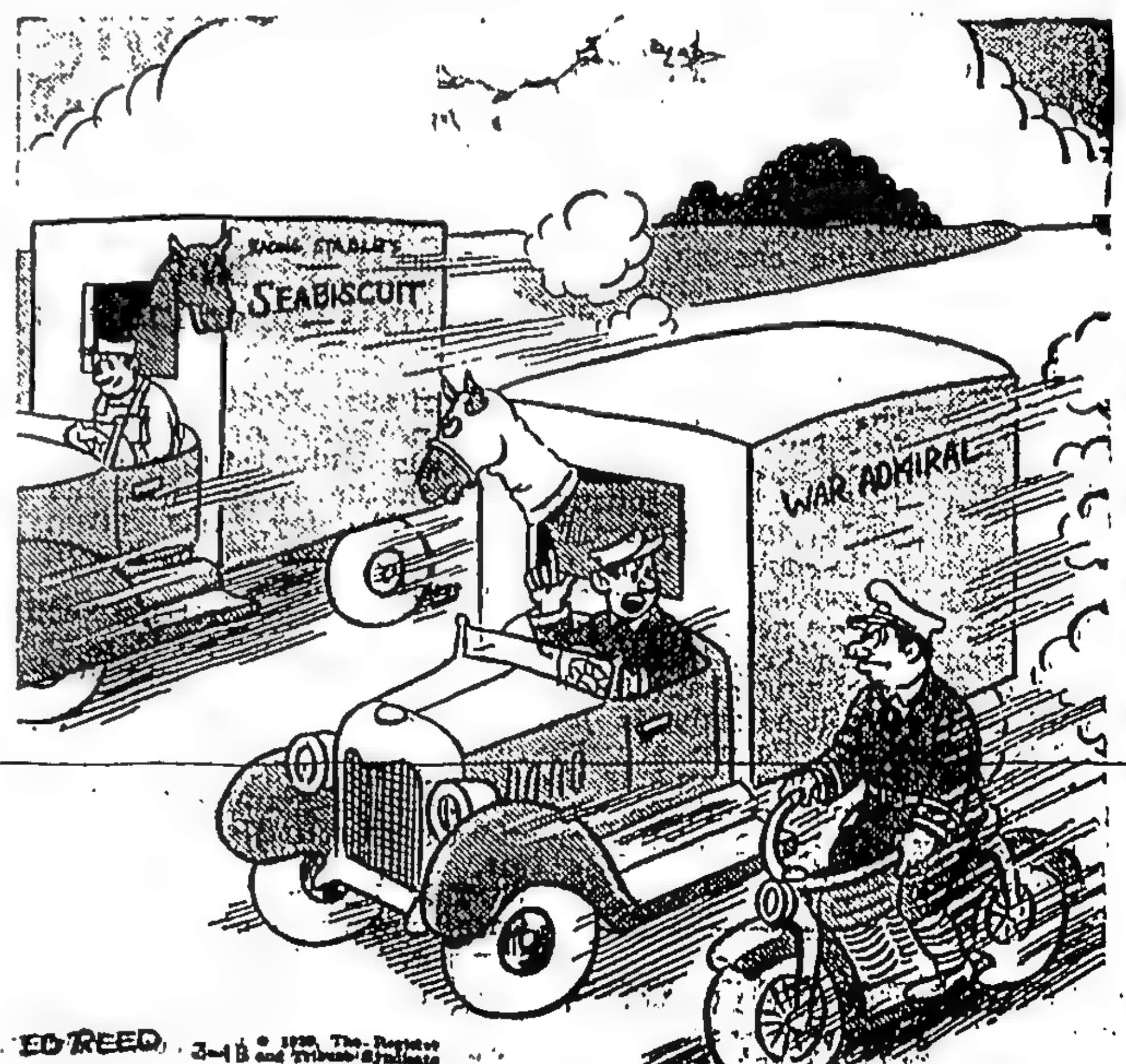
Winner of the R. A. F. Fighter Pilot cup in 1936, a South African flight lieutenant, who last October performed the "hat trick" by shooting down three Italian planes in one day, has been released from captivity in Mogadishu, capital of Italian Somaliland, as a result of the British capture of the town.

He had been in hospital there for three months with a serious foot injury. He said that while he was engaged with Italian fighters over Bardia, Libya, on December 29, an enemy machine came up from below, badly damaged his aircraft and wounded him in the foot.

He landed by parachute and was taken in an Italian plane to Mogadishu.

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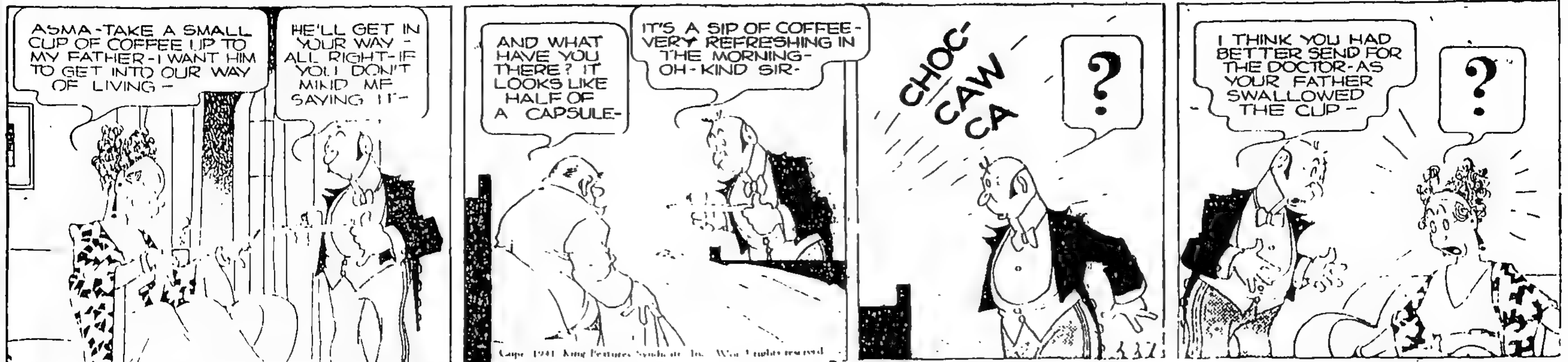
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Bringing Up Father.

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Colognes And Perfumes Are Masculine Aids

After hearing numerous complaints from wives about husbands "snitching" their favourite cologne, one enterprising perfumer got busy and ruddled and masculinized the favourite feminine colognes of his line. Result? Men took to them like flappers — yes even brawny he-men. And now the after-shave, after-bath cologne is as common a masculine aid to grooming as is a razor or shaving soap.

Some men (and legion are they) have gone a step onward. They use scent on their handkerchiefs — and women adore the habit! Several very woody brews have been introduced and all have been approved by meticulous males.

Of course, the primary use of cologne, perfumes and deodorants is to minimise or prevent unpleasant body odours and both should be used only after the skin has had a thorough scrubbing with good soap and water. Body odours are caused by bacterial decay of perspiration and there is no denying that men perspire more than women. That stands to reason for their clothing is not porous and they are more active than women. So why isn't it logical that they



His after-bath cologne is masculine — her's is feminine. Both are refreshing and serve as important grooming aids. To husband and wife give companion fragrances so bathroom "snitching" will cease!

use both these grooming aids to make their persons more acceptable? Of course, it is logical and the phony opinion that only sissies are meticulous in their grooming has been proven phony. Let's look at the record!

History Speaks

In an article written for a popular man's magazine, is this paragraph: "Hard guys and hennies, from the time of Alexander down, went in for perfumes of some kind or another. Otto of the Holy Roman Empire, and Charlemagne went into battle on the aromatic side and so on down to Napoleon. They all went for it. Knocking off your fellow man is sweaty work and these boys knew the score. Athletes and the aristocracy used perfumes then, and their use is back to-day. American men are joining the ranks of the fastidious and verile along with the hard-riding Argentine Gauchos and French steelworkers who buy their cologne by the quart!"

So this Christmas you may give any man a large bottle of cologne and good deodorant and a small bottle of perfume without insulting his verility! If he grouches and puts on an act you can remind him that not so long ago a man wearing a wrist watch was considered slightly feminine. But when our heroes returned from the trenches using wrist watches the boys back home decided that their opinion had been erroneous for guys who went over the top

were not the kind to whistle at! You know the popularity of the wrist watch to-day!

And here's hoping more men will use these aids. They would if they remembered that ladies have sensitive noses!



Dioting. Dot says it's the pangs of hunger and not self-pity that got an overweight down.

Just a Huffy-Puff is this easy SOUFFLE

Dorothy Greig

WHEN mother wanted to imply that a certain thing was simple to do she'd say, "It's as easy as rolling off a log." And that is just the way it is with this soufflé.

It has but three ingredients. Once they're mixed and in the oven, the soufflé does the rest. It huffs and puffs its way up until it is big and puffy and light.



When done, whip it from the oven and serve immediately while it is still proudly high and tender. With it offer fresh green salad, and there you have as delicious a main course for lunch or supper as ever you could wish.

Asparagus-Cheese Soufflé
1 can condensed asparagus soup
3/4 cup sharp cheese, grated
4 eggs, separated

Combine the grated cheese and the asparagus soup and heat until the cheese is melted. Then stir in the egg yolks, adding one yolk at a time and beating well after adding each yolk; then cool. Beat the egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Fold the asparagus mixture into the beaten egg whites. Pour into a buttered casserole; then place the casserole in pan with hot water. Bake in 300° oven for 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves 6.

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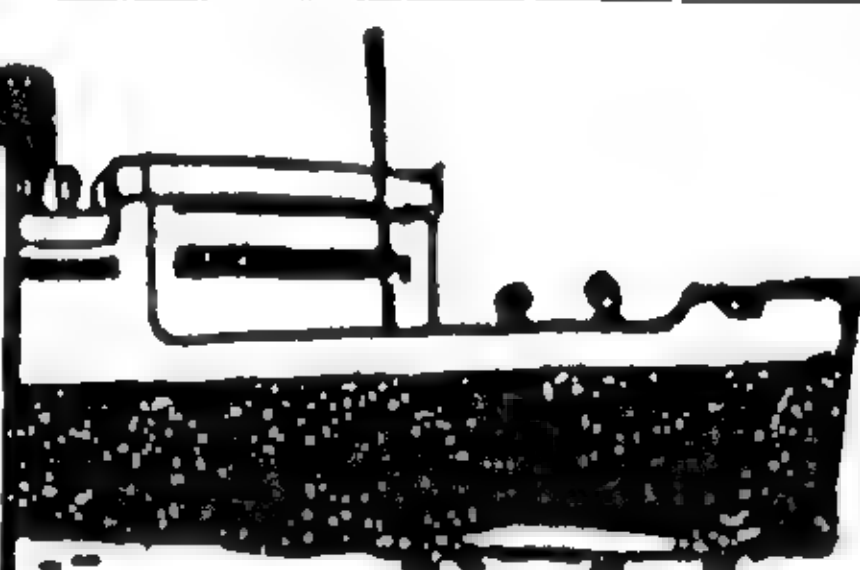
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Roy Fox and his Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—It's Got to be Love ("On your Toes"); Cowboy
Waltzes—My First Love Song (film "Queen of Hearts"); Would You (film "San Francisco")
Fox-Trots—When the Sun Says "Good-night" to the Mountain, I'll Sing You a Thousand Love Songs (film "Cain and Mabel")
Slow Fox-Trot Sweet Lullaby (film "Walkie Wedding")
Fox-Trots—Love and Learn (film "That Girl from Paris"); If I Should Lose You (film "Rose of the Rancho")

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Songs by Raquel Meller.
(Lavelito Del Genu (Romero), Flor Del Mal (Padilla Montesinos), Gitana, Gitana (Padilla & Romero) with Orchestra

1.11 p.m.—Ballet—Jeu d'Enfants—Ballet Suite, London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.
Idylle Bretonne (J. Gennin), Crocus Time—Serenade for Strings (De La Riviere), Echoes of the Valley (J. Gennin), The Merry Brothers (J. Gennin), Oriental Dance—Novelty Duet (C. White), Carlsbad Doll Dance (L. Pleier), The Two Imps (K. J. Alford), Dancer of Seville (C. Grunow) conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—Half an Hour with Massenet.
"Manon" Fantasia—Marek Weber and his Orchestra, "Sapho" Air de Jean Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra, "Thais" Meditation—Boston Promenade Orch., "Thais"—Tell me I am Beautiful—Maryse Beaumont (Soprano) with Orchestra, Scenes Pittoresques—Fetes Bohemes—The London Palladium Orchestra, "Werther"—Pourquoi me Reveiller?—Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour"

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

8.02 p.m.—An Hour of Classical Requests.

Etude in F Minor (Liszt) Simon Barer (Piano), Jeanne d'Arc—Farewell, Ye Mountains (Tchadkowski) Maria Jeriza (Soprano) with Orchestra, Incidental Music to "Mary Rose" (O'Neill) New Light Symphony Orchestra; O Glad—some Light (Sullivan) The BBC Wireless Chorus, Rattle of Spring (Piano); Valse Triste—Kuoema (Sibeli) Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Fantasiestücke Op. 12 (Schumann) Yves Nat (Piano), Let the Bright Seraphim (Handel) Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra, 2nd Movement from Symphony No. 8 in F Major Op. 68—"Pastoral"—(Beethoven) Andante molto mosso—Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—"The Hope of a New World" No. 3: "Prayer and its Answer" Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.30 p.m.—Elgar—Froissart Overture Op. 19. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar Bart. O.M., K.C.V.O.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
"Me and My Girl"—Vocal Selections. Wallace Lupino, Lupino Lane, Teddie St. Denis & Chorus with Orchestra.

Home and Beauty—Selection... Adelphi Theatre Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Dance Music with Vocal Variety.

Fox-Trots—Copenhagen; Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise (from "New Moon")... Artie Shaw & his Orch.
Tango—Summer evening in Santa Cruz; Slow Fox-Trot—The moon remembered, but you forgot (from "Let's be famous")... Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.

Vocal—America, I love you (Leslie Götter); Dear Old Pal of Mine (Robe-Gitz-Rice)... Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Flea on a Spree... Teddy Powell & his Orchestra.

Blues—The Ghost of Smoky Joe; Fox-Trot—Floogie Walk (both from "Cotton Club Parade")... The Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus.

Vocal—No Souvenirs (Boyd); This Can't be Love (from "Up and Doing")... Adelaide Hall with Instrumental Accomp.

Slow Fox-Trots—Moonlight and Mimosas; When I Dream of Home... Joe Loss & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—I've Got no Strings (from "Pinocchio")... Bob Chester & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Sweet Little Sweetheart (McIntire & Allgire); Love Lies (Sigmund & others)... Turner Layton & his Piano.

Fox-Trots—The Singing Hills; Cuban Romeo... Ambrose & his Orch.
Waltz—Don't Ever Pass Me By... Jack Payne & his Band.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

RED TAPE GRIP ON SHIPPING

PRACTICAL SHIPPING MEN of ability and experience have been sidetracked by Civil Servants. They have been told to confine their energies to matters of minor importance, leaving Civil Servants almost complete freedom to deal with matters of vital practical importance and urgency to the country and the industry.

This indictment of the red tape stranglehold on the shipping industry was made by Sir W. Reardon Smith, Bart., president of the Bristol Channel Shipowner's Association, addressing the members at Cardiff.

Sir Reardon Smith controls the largest fleet of tramp ships in Wales.

The most disturbing feature, he said, was the endless delay in coming to finality on question which were left unsettled month after month.

Delays were due to lack of cooperation and confidence between practical shipping men and the chief Civil Servants at the Ministry of Shipping.

"It seems," he went on, "that the peace-time methods in the Civil Service are still employed during the present emergency with the result that instead of time becoming the vital factor it appears to be of little or no account."

Whitehall Jealousies

"Most of us in the industry have watched with growing concern the apparent neglect of shipping by many Government departments, including Transport, Supply, Food and even the Admiralty. It has been treated as just another means of transport instead of the most vital means."

"If only the Prime Minister himself or a Minister with the necessary drive and authority could spend some time in each of the departments mentioned and iron out the natural jealousies which exist between one department and another, cut away a few more wrappings of red tape and get down to essentials, all shipping men would be happier and the nation's war effort would be helped considerably."

"If those who control us now would think less of minutes, dockets and that wonderful cloak, 'Passed to you, please,' and visualise ships and men and even owners working under the present abnormal conditions, they would say to the practical shipping men, 'Carry on! We are with you and are prepared to trust you to the limit.'"

LOOTERS GET 51 YEARS

Three Sheffield looters were sentenced at Leeds Assizes to a total of fifteen years' penal servitude.

Earlier six Sheffield looters received thirty-six years in all. The sentences were:—

William Henry Ashmore, twenty-four, carter (seven cases of looting and one of shopbreaking), six years;

William Henry Malkin, forty-four, wireworker (three cases of looting and one of shopbreaking), five years; and

James Malkin, thirty-four, labourer (two cases of looting), four years.

The value of the stolen goods, it was stated, was about £107. Only £42 worth had been recovered. When the owners returned to their homes they found they had nothing to sleep on.

ASSES WHO AID HITLER

The Communist party was described by Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, as being among those people "useful to Hitler" in a speech at Tonypandy, South Wales.

"But," he added, "they are not having much success in this country, because most of the workers see through them."

Hitler bought some traitors, but always found a certain number of gratuitous asses who became his unconscious tools. The number in free countries tended to be few.

"The Communist party convened a conference called the National Convention the other day. Hitler's papers reported it fully. It helped him in trying to persuade the Germans that this country was disunited."

"If the Communists can persuade workers not to work through the Alert it is useful for Hitler. Every bit of grit that they can put into the wheels of industry helps Hitler and makes the task of the rest of the people of this country more difficult."

"Howl About Liberty"

"When their paper is suppressed they raise a howl about liberty. Wherever the Communists have gained any strength they have used it to disrupt and destroy the workers' movements. They will not succeed here. Make no mistake about it."

"This fight in which we are engaged is your fight. We have to go all out for victory, for this is total war."

"When the war ends, we shall have to reorganise our national life. We of the Labour party sought to plan the future, but we were not strong enough in Parliament to put our ideas into operation. Now there is a much more widespread desire to discontinue the old inequalities and insecurity and to establish a happier and nobler life."

G.C. FOR 'PLANE RESCUE

Sgt. Pilot Raymond Lewin, who when a boy was "mad on flying," has been awarded the George Cross for the rescue of a fellow pilot from the blazing wreckage of a 'plane which contained a load of bombs.

His action, performed in the dark after the 'plane of which he was captain had struck a hillside, is officially described as "superbly gallant." The 'plane was on a bombing mission to Italy when it crashed.

After three of the crew had scrambled clear, Sgt. Lewin crawled under the wing, in which full petrol tanks were burning to rescue his injured second pilot. Despite his own injuries, which included a cracked kneecap, he dragged and carried the pilot 40 yards to a hole, where he lay on him just as the bombs exploded.

Sgt. Lewin, who is 26, is the youngest of three sons of Councilor Mrs. Lewin, Deputy Mayor of Kettering, and of Mr. George Lewin, a Kettering tradesman. He was a chemist before enlisting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG FUTURE

REFERENCES TO the difficulties caused by the war, and confidence in the future, were expressed by the Chairman, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, at the Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Mr. Bousfield said:— You will not expect me on this occasion to review the course of the War. We in Hong Kong are far from the centre of events, though the defence preparations going on all around us, and the strong reinforcement of Singapore are a reminder that we may at any moment become involved. If we are, I hope we shall bear ourselves under fire as manfully as our friends at Home.

Meanwhile, we can only struggle on, under conditions of ever-increasing difficulty, to keep the trade of the Colony going and so fulfil our responsibilities towards the maintenance of this important outpost of the British Empire.

The chief problem with which we are faced is, of course, the shortage of ships resulting from a ruthless campaign against the mercantile marine by which the enemy seeks to offset Britain's naval power and, if possible, to starve the people of the British Isles. We have heard, with immense relief, the news that the President of the United States has instituted a patrol of the Atlantic, 2,000 miles from east to west, and from the Arctic to the Antarctic regions, in order to ensure that Britain "gets the tools to finish the job," which the United States is supplying under the Lend and Lease Plan.

Import Quotas

Another war-time difficulty arises from limitation of imports into the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire, effected by means of import licences and quotas. The powers of the various Departments are subject to one over-mastering consideration, the availability of shipping. Merchants and manufacturers find that when an import licence has been granted, or a quota has been fixed, their troubles, sometimes, have only just begun. Under changed circumstances the import licence may be suspended or cancelled, or the shipping space available may be quite insufficient to carry the goods which the Board of Trade, notwithstanding the need to reduce imports to a minimum, has decided are definitely required by the people at Home.

These obstacles to the shipment of completed goods involve losses for all concerned, but such troubles have to be taken in good part as an inevitable accompaniment of the life and death struggle in which the British Empire is now engaged. The Chamber of Commerce has been actively occupied throughout the year in doing all it can to smooth out these difficulties. In the rubber footwear industry the Chamber has organised a distribution of the limited freight space available, based on the quantity which each firm is licensed to import in proportion to the total quantity covered by all the licences.

H.K.'s Trade

In so far as revocation of import licences affects China produce, the General Produce Brokers' Association of London recently issued a revised contract which provides that Government cancellation of a licence is to be followed automatically by cancellation of the contract between buyer and seller. It has been necessary to point out that—as far as Far Eastern merchants are concerned—this is no solution because exporters have to meet contractual obligations to suppliers. At the suggestion of this Chamber, the British Chambers of Commerce in China have made telegraphic representations to London. Exporters have been advised not to do business on the Produce Brokers' revised contract.

In spite of all these difficulties, the commerce of the Colony kept up remarkably well during 1940, as will be seen from the figures which are given on page 59 of the Chamber's Report. These show quite a substantial increase in the combined value of the Colony's imports and exports. However, it must not be for-

gotten that, owing to high prices for all commodities in 1940, this increase in the value of our trade is almost certainly accompanied by some shrinkage in volume. Unfortunately, the Government Statistical Department does not publish tonnage figures, and I should like to take this opportunity of suggesting that his point might be remedied when peaceful conditions return.

Meantime, however, some very interesting figures for wholesale prices, covering 1939 and 1940, were released for publication by the Import & Export Department last month. The average increase in price during 1940 over 1939 was largest in the mineral group, with an increase of 44.82 per cent; and smallest in the foodstuff group—29.58 per cent. The average increase for all commodities works out at 35.39 per cent. Had prices remained stationary, the increase or decrease in the total value of the trade of the Colony would accurately represent the percentage increase or decrease in the total tonnage of that trade. Therefore, to obtain a comparison between 1939 and 1940 tonnages we should step up the value of the 1939 figures by the average increase in cost between the two years. In terms of 1940 values, we thus arrive at a figure of £93.8 millions sterling for 1939 trade as against £85.1 millions sterling for 1940. From this it would appear that 1940 suffered a tonnage loss of 9.275 per cent as compared with the previous year.

No Pessimism

However, as foodstuffs formed the largest individual item of import during 1940, and as this group underwent the smallest increase in price, it is probable that the weighted general average for all groups would show a smaller percentage increase than the figure of 35.39 per cent on which I have worked, and this in turn would mean that the decrease in tonnage is even less than 9.27 per cent. But even on the basis of this latter figure it is surprising that the Colony was so little affected during 1940 by the world shortage of shipping. The position reflects great credit on the more economic use to which available bottoms must have been put, and those concerned are to be congratulated. Unfortunately I fear that 1941 must inevitably see a further shrinkage in the volume of our trade and, indeed, since this address was prepared news of further shipping restrictions has come to hand which will result—at least for the time being—in the almost complete cessation of the export of Hong Kong-manufactured goods to Great Britain.

Nevertheless, I am not one of these pessimists who, whilst admitting that conditions have kept up surprisingly well in the past, forecast that evil times are just around the corner. It would be foolish to indulge in wishful thinking concerning our prospects for the current year, but the adaptability which the Colony has shown in meeting changed conditions will, I trust, help us to make up on the swings at least some of what we are likely to lose on the roundabouts.

New Industries

Here I would like to say a few words on the increasing importance of our local industry. The old-established industries of ship-building and repairing, cement making and sugar refining all show increased activity, but it is rather to the growth of the more recently established industries that I refer, and I would particularly ask you to study the figures given on page 60 of the Chamber's Report. You will see that the export value of the goods listed therein has increased from a little under \$35 millions in 1939 to over \$51 millions in 1940—an increase of 46.98 per cent; and this in spite of quotas, export licences and other impediments. Admittedly this total is small in comparison with the combined import and export figure of \$1,374.5 millions, but it will be with the work involved.

Diplomatic Travellers

Franz von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, arrived in Ankara last evening, says an Ankara telegram to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

The Soviet Ambassador to Berlin, M. Dekanosew, returned to his post yesterday after spending 14 days in Moscow, says Reuter.

realised how important a place in the life of the community local manufactures have now taken when it is remembered that the amount which "sticks" with the Colony, i.e. the difference between the import value of the raw materials and the export price, is probably no less than 65 per cent on the average in the case of locally-made articles, whereas the amount sticking with the Colony on account of its entrepot trade is probably not more than two or three per cent.

Potentialities Of Colony

The Delhi Conference has opened the eyes of a good many in the Middle and Far East to the potentialities of Hong Kong, and we all hope that one result of that Conference will be to accelerate the growth of our productivity. It is possible that in retrospect the period covered by the present war will be looked on as having done more to put the industry of this Colony on its feet than any other like period of time. However, if we are to achieve this enviable goal the local manufacturers will have to show their usual resource in directing the labour of this Colony into new channels and so make up for what we hope will be the temporary loss of the U.K. market.

Sir David Owen's report on the Harbour stresses the desirability of going ahead with certain reclamations as soon as practicable. If this can be done, and legislation is avoided which might make us unable to compete with manufacturers in China, I think the Colony can confidently look forward to greatly increased prosperity when the political horizons have cleared.

Sir David Owen's report on the future control and development of the Harbour, to which I alluded just now, has been published so recently that I do not propose to refer to it at length, pending full consideration by the appropriate Sub-committees of the Chamber. It is clearly a valuable and most instructive document, the product of wide knowledge and experience. The report should help the whole Colony to take long views in the development of its most valuable asset.

Tribute To Mr. Key

We have again to express sympathy with the merchant community in Canton who for another year have suffered—by force of circumstances beyond their control—the almost complete loss of their trade. A year ago there were hopes of the re-opening of the River, but I regret to say that these have not yet materialised.

We are all glad that His Excellency the Governor has returned in health and trust that his strength may be maintained to face the strenuous duties which each day and hour bring to him in these times of stress. I am sure you will wish me also to express our appreciation of the services rendered to the Colony by General Norton during his term as Acting Governor.

The motion before the meeting includes the adoption of the Accounts of the Chamber. These call for no comment beyond the fact that the balance is on the right side and the membership continues to grow. Extension of the demand by Governments of the world over for certificates of origin has led to a further increase in fees from this source of income. This year our hard-working Secretary—the term is hackneyed, but I can think of nothing which more accurately describes Mr. Key—has done even more than the usual amount of work on Government behalf as, during the absence of the Hong Kong Delegation at Delhi, his full-time services were lent to the War Supplies Board, and in recent months he has worked for several hours a week for the Food & Firewood Control Board. This, in turn, has thrown a great deal of extra work on the Assistant Secretary and, indeed, the whole staff. We are indebted to them for the many hours of extra time which they have had to put in to keep pace with the work involved.

QUEEN HANDLES TOMMY GUN

Gen. Sikorski, the Polish commander-in-chief, presented a party of Polish lancers to the King and Queen on a windswept moor in Scotland. Speaking to the King in French, he said that Goebbels had named the regiment Sikorski's Tourists.

"Yes, your Majesty, and very dangerous tourists we are going to be," one of them exclaimed in English.

The King and the Queen spent the whole day with the Polish forces.

At one point the Queen put a Tommy-gun to her shoulder in the firing position. The King reminded her that the gun was loaded and jokingly advised her to be careful.

At the end of the day, after watching a spectacular march-past, the King told Gen. Sikorski that he was very struck by the spirit of the troops.

The General stated later, "The visit of the King and Queen has had a tremendous effect on my soldiers. It was no formal tour, but a visit of friendship. Its real importance is more than that—the encouragement it will give to our people in oppressed Poland."

ELIZABETH PANICKED BURGLAR

It was the burglar, not the baby, who was scared when he climbed through the bedroom window of two-year-old Elizabeth Bickerton. She calmly sat up in bed and shouted: "Auntie, a man's taking your money."

Panic-stricken, the intruder jumped out of the window. He was in too much of a hurry to bother with the ladder by which he had entered Elizabeth's home in Chesham-lane, Denham, Bucks. Elizabeth's nerve-shattering alarm saved her mother's jewelry and furs.

The little girl was asleep when the burglar broke in. She awoke to see him opening drawers and taking money from a handbag.

Unafraid, she yelled to her aunt, Miss L. Griffiths, in the next room.

"He took money out of auntie's bag and put it in his pocket," Elizabeth afterwards told her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. Miles Bickerton.

"He opened the drawers, but he didn't hurt them. But then he looked at me. I didn't like him, so I called to auntie."

"He was young and he hadn't got a hat."

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ARMY ATHLETIC TEAM CHOSEN FOR SUNDAY

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ON Sunday Army Athletic team will compete against Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation at Caroline Hill commencing at 3 p.m.

The following have been selected to represent Army in the following events:

Throwing the Discus: Pte. Lever and L/Cpl. Wookey (Middlesex).

Throwing the Javelin: Pte. Lever (Middlesex) and Capt. Skipwith (8th Coast Regt.).

Putting the Weight: Hav. Sarsa Khan (8th Coast Regt.) and L/Nk Shingara Singh (12th Coast Regt.).

Long Jump: L/Nk Shingara Singh (12th Coast Regt.) and Gnr. Haidar Ali (H.K.S.R.A.).

High Jump: Chandrabhan Singh (57th Rabout Regt.) and Capt. Skipwith (8th Coast Regt.).

Pole Vault: Hav. Maj. Khundan Singh (H.K.S.R.A.) and Pte. Thomas (Middlesex).

400 Metres Relay: 8th Coast Regt. Team.

800 Metres Relay: Middlesex Team.

1,600 Metres Relay: Middlesex Team.

1,500 Metres Team Race: Combined Royal Artillery Team.

5,000 Metres Team Race: Combined Royal Artillery Team.

480 Yards Hurdles: Capt. Skipwith (8th Coast Regt.), Lieut. Pollock (57th Rabout Regt.), L/Sgt. Halsey (2nd Royal Scots) and Gnr. Marshall (8th Coast Regt.).

SWIMMING

THE Army Swimming team for the Gala at the Y.M.C.A. tomorrow will be selected from the following:

Sgt. Hunt (S. gale), Sgt. Hodge (Signals), Sgt. Bennett (S. gale), L/Cpl. Slater (Royal Scots), Bandmaster Jordan (Royal Scots), Pte. McHugh (Royal Scots) and L/Cpl. Quickenden (Middlesex).

The Water Polo League which is being run by European Y.M.C.A. has so far 10 entries and more are likely to follow.

This league, when in full swing, should provide us with some good games and give the Army team plenty of opportunities to get ready for the Large and Small Units competitions which will start very soon.

POLO

THE Polo Club of Middlesex Regt. have presented the Hong Kong Polo Club with a very handsome trophy to be called the "Diehards" Cup which will be competed for annually.

This trophy will be competed for the first time at the Gymkhana being held on the Polo Club ground, Boundary Street.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

H.K.E.R.C.
Third Division (v P.R.C., away).
W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Rionie (Skip).
R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul (Skip).
A. P. Turbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan (Skip).
Reserve:—W. Stonehouse.

HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are the Home Soccer fixtures for Saturday

LONDON CUP

Arsenal v Westham

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Cardiff v Southend
Fulham v Millwall
Leicester v Tottenham
Northampton v Chelsea
Portsmouth v Aldershot

HAMPSHIRE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Queens v Watford
Reading v Brentford

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v Preston
Bolton v Manchester
Everton v Sheffield
Grimsby v Barnsley

CUNTHORPE CUP

Huddersfield v Bury
Tranmere v Chester

CHESHIRE COUNTY BOWL REGIONAL MATCHES

Manfield v Doncaster
Stoke v Chesterfield

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP FINAL

Middlebrough v Leeds

LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL

Manchester v Burnley

OTHER MATCHES

Walsall v Aston Villa

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL REPLAY (AT GLASGOW)

Hearts v Rangers

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Patrick v Clyde

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JUNIOR CHESS

There remain to be played 25 games, a good number of which, it is hoped, will be played to-day and Thursday, when Kowloon Chess Club meets at the Peninsula Hotel.

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| A. Y. Bruckoff | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 7½ |
| A. Kurr-k | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 6½ |
| Un Kwai-yung | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| To Yu-lau | 7 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| J. Tausz | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| R. C. Danenberg | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| J. Grefalda | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| V. V. Kolatchoff | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| E. M. Petrov | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3½ |
| Wm. Lee | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| R. C. Gardner | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| J. H. d'Almeida | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| A. Morton | 6 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 |

GOLF RESULT

J. M. Thomson 77-9=68, and M. A. Cairns 86-18=68 tied and qualified for the May competition of the Adamson Cup at H. V. Valley Golf Course during the week-end.

GRAPHIC GOLF



ONE MOVEMENT By Best Ball

If you are having trouble making your golf stroke in the proper union of component parts try the following technique. It is designed to move the body, arms, and hands as one in initiating the backstroke. Thus when the mid-section starts turning, the rest of the body revolves with it. Naturally such a stroke requires a compact form. The golfer stands straight to the ball, the left arm extended but, in this instance, the left hand well on top of the shaft so that the elbow points toward the hole. By pushing the upper part of both arms in toward the chest, the form is set. When the backswing is made from such a stance, the arms must move and work together.

Next Article:—Value of Putting.

ARMY TENNIS

Three Army League tennis matches were played yesterday, with the following results:—

F. A. Staff v. R.E. "B"
In another "A" Division match, F. A. Staff beat Royal Engineers "B" by two points to one at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Col. Lamb and Q.M.S. Quinnell (R.E.) lost to H. W. Burne and S. A. Hussain, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

L/Cpl. Shaw and L/Sgt. Spencer (R.E.) lost to T. B. Eurenleva and W. A. Reed, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1.

Cpl. Spence and L/Cpl. Pelham (R.E.) beat A. G. Elbin and B. J. Navey, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

R.A.S.C. v. R.E. "A"
Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Army Service Corps lost to Royal Engineers "A" by three points to nil in the "A" Division Army Tennis League.

Sgt. Martin and Sgt. French (R.A.S.C.) lost to Major Grose and Capt. Bird, 2-6, 1-6, 2-6.

Cpl. Young and Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) lost to S/Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Ford, 1-6, 3-6, 4-6.

Sgt. Mann and Cpl. Glenn (R.A.S.C.) lost to Q.M.S. Quinnell and S/Sgt. Mitchell, 0-6, 0-6, 3-6.

R.A.P.C. v. R.A.M.C.
In "A" Division Army Tennis

League, Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Army Pay Corps by two points to 1.

Colonel Forde and L/Sgt. Murray (R.A.P.C.) lost to Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Musson, 2-6, 4-6.

S/Sgt. Adlam and S/Sgt. Pinkney (R.A.P.C.) lost to Lt.-Col. Shackleton and Capt. Barclay, 4-6, 2-6.

S/Sgt. Carden and Sgt. James (R.A.P.C.) beat Cpl. Milne and Pte. Don, 0-6, 6-3, 6-2.

A "Ladies' Day" will be held at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Mongkok, on Thursday when all ladies will be admitted free of charge. They can also skate free providing they bring their own skates.

There will be a hockey encounter between the Middlesex Regiment (Corporals and Sergeants) and the Hong Kong Police.

STORY BEHIND BOB FELLER'S DISCOVERY

FOR FIVE YEARS NOW, Cyril C. Slapnicka has been peacocking around as the discoverer of Robert William Andrew Feller. This got Cyril Slapnicka the job as vice-president and general-manager of the Cleveland club, writes a correspondent.

Meanwhile, the man who found Bob Feller has lived in becoming modesty a few miles from young Feller's farm home in Iowa.

He is Pat Donohue, who 30 years ago did considerable catching for the Athletics and Red Sox.

Cleveland obtained Feller through Donohue's friendship with Billy Evans, the famous umpire whom Slapnicka succeeded as head of the Indians' front office.

"I'll Find A Pitcher"

Evans had befriended Donohue by helping him obtain employment as a minor league umpire last in the American Association.

"Some day I'll find you a pitcher," Donohue promised Evans.

He certainly did.

Out of professional baseball, Donohue umpired semi-pro and amateur games in and around Des Moines, where he resides.

Then, one early July afternoon in 1935, he saw Robert William Andrew Feller.

The old backstop's eyes popped right out of his head, and when he got them back in place, he sat down and wrote Evans a letter.

"Here," it read, "is the greatest pitcher since Walter Johnson."

Feller For \$65 A Month

Evans sent Slapnicka, then a scout, to Van Meter to sign the 16-year-old phenomenon.

This the one-time pitcher did for \$65 a month.

That was all Slapnicka had to do with Cleve and landing Feller.

Everybody knew about Feller when, a few weeks later, pitcher for the Farmers' Union team of Iowa in the national amateur tournament in Dayton, O., the plough boy struck out 18 in one game and 21 in another.

A small army of scouts, two representing Cleveland among them, tumbled all over themselves trying to sign Feller.

Father Will Feller, who suffered broken ribs in catching and developing his son, had to keep a strong hand on the scrapping lad to keep the fey foragers from lassoing him.

Already Indian Property

Even the Cleveland agents didn't know Feller was already Indian property.

What Slapnicka did do was almost to lose Feller.

Replacing Evans as general manager of the Tribe, he couldn't have built a better case leading to free agency for baseball's finest pitcher had he tried.

Under the sandlot rule in vogue at the time, Slapnicka, as a representative of the Cleve and club, had no right to sign Feller even to a contract of the Fargo-Moorhead club of the Northern League.

That is why the Des Moines club of the Western League, which attacked Cleveland's possession of Feller, was awarded \$7,500 in the Landis decision which kept the wonder boy in Indian livery.

Feller Stays Despite Juggling And Bungling

Cleveland "recommended" that New Orleans offer and Fargo-Moorhead accept \$200 for Feller's contract.

It "recommended" that Feller "retire." It "recommended" that he come to Cleveland, where he was given employment by the club in its concession department. It "recommended" him for "semi-pro" ball in and around Cleveland.

It "recommended" that he be gotten off the retired list after the Indians used him—ostensibly a New Orleans player "retired" from baseball—in an exhibition game with the Cardinals. It finally "recommended" that New Orleans transfer him to Cleveland for \$1,500.

Fanned 'Em Ace

While officially belonging to those outfits, Feller never saw Fargo-Moorhead of New Orleans. He struck out batters right and left for the semi-professional Rosenblums of Cleveland instead.

It is suspected that Commissioner Landis would have made Feller a free agent in the winter of 1936 had the wonder boy desired his freedom.

Judge Landis also feared the effect such tremendous bidding would have on one so young.

The Yankees and Red Sox were prepared to pay \$100,000 or more for Feller's signature.

So despite all of Cyril Slapnicka's juggling and bungling, Bob Feller, the pitching genius, recognized by old Pat Donohue, stayed with the Cleveland club.

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RAIDS ON BENGHAZI

Widespread Activity By R.A.F., Middle East

Situation In Iraq Stabilised

HEAVY RAIDS ON BENGHAZI, where ships were attacked and three large fires started on the Mole, were made on Sunday, stated a British R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

At Benina, three German and one other plane were set on fire while at Berka, hits were obtained on buildings north-east of the landing ground.

El Gazala was also raided.

At Derna, the landing ground, on which a number of enemy aircraft were dispersed, was attacked and motor-transport in the vicinity was bombed and machine-gunned.

Considerable damage was caused to enemy mechanised units in various places between Tobruk and Derna. One German plane, a Messerschmidt 109, was attacked and destroyed.

The communique also stated that in Iraq the "situation" has become stabilised. British aircraft are engaged in punitive operations against the Iraqis in most of the districts where they were observed.

"In Abyssinia, units of the South African Air Force, a Rhodesian squadron and the R.A.F. continued to harass the Italians at Gimma, Seiasiamanna, Uadera and Alage. One British plane is missing from all these operations." — Reuter.

ively made in Canea (Crete) yesterday. Reuter.

TWO LONDON MAYORS KILLED IN RAIDS

Two mayors have been killed in raids on London, the Mayor of Westminster on Saturday night while visiting a shelter which received a direct hit, and the Mayor of Bermondsey, who was helping in fighting fires in a recent raid. — Reuter.

BENGHAZI SHELLED

During Saturday night powerful units of British light forces carried out an intense bombardment of Benghazi from point-blank range, states an Admiralty communique issued yesterday.

Damage was caused to shipping and military objectives. Fire from shore batteries was ineffective, as were also repeated attacks by enemy dive-bombers. No casualties or damage were sustained by any British ships. — Reuter.

JAPAN TRIES TO WRIGGLE

(Continued from Page 1)

Japan's Dilemma

The "New York Times," in an editorial, says that after four years of bitter war Japan has not conquered China, has expended much of her resources, has sacrificed the world's goodwill and holds territory which is economically unremunerative, while the armies she must maintain there injure her internal economy.

"Now she sees a richer booty elsewhere and she would like to have her forces free to go after it.

The "New York Times" likens Japan to a small boy stealing candy, who grabs a handful of one jar and then sees more luscious fruit in another but cannot reach it without releasing the plunder he already holds. Apparently, far from mediating in the Far East, the United States is reported in Washington to be going further in aid to China by assisting in the establishment of air bases in Burma, from which planes would safeguard the Burma Road and permit supplies to reach the Chinese armies freely." — Reuter.

SUEZ RAIDED FOR THIRD TIME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A message from Cairo states that for the third time Axis planes raided the Suez Canal areas yesterday causing some damage.

The extent of the damage was not disclosed but the report states that no military objectives were hit. — International News Service.

H.M. CONSULATE HIT IN RAID

The British consulate in Yun-nanfu was hit and damaged in a heavy Japanese raid yesterday. No casualties were suffered, however. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Interesting tit-bits of military intelligence have been broadcast by Thai Radio.

Reuter's Bangkok correspondent said it has been disclosed that a new military command, comprising 25 battalions, has been created in the South, where Thailand has a land frontier with Malaya.

"As changes and improvements are being carried out in the German and Japanese armies," the Thai authorities contemplate sending several Thai officers to be attached to those armies.

For the first time, German and Thailand are shortly sending military attaches to their respective legations in Bangkok and Berlin. — Reuter.

Two additional "Fair-Price" Rice Depots were opened in West Point and Wanchai this afternoon, both depots reporting "roaring business."

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ARRESTS IN BUCHAREST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A MESSAGE FROM BUDAPEST STATES THAT ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRESTED MORE THAN 240 PERSONS IN BUCHAREST ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. The arrested persons are stated to be members of the Leftist Party. A D.N.B. despatch states that over one hundred students were arrested in Bucharest following demonstrations against the Antonescu Government. — International News Service.

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WHICH REIGN SAW CRICKET AT ITS BEST?

I have sometimes wondered in which reign, as the schoolboys say, and with what men, I should most like to have gone cricketing, writes R. C. Robertson-Glasgow.

Our own age is the best, no doubt; but we need not incur the charge of escapism, levelled by the angular-minded at those who play nine holes of golf or read Trollope, if we choose to imagine, for a few minutes, that we were present to hear the talk of the spectators when Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, was bowled for nought by an over-excited man in East Anglia; or that we were near at hand when, between the battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo, William Lambert, the Surrey professional, bowled a "stick" of wickets to the Reverend Lord Frederick Beauclerk, on purpose "to put him out of temper."

"Play Or Pay—"

In those days there was no penalty for bowling wickets, a pleasant and expansive state of affairs. Beauclerk did become very angry, and was soon out. The match was a two-a-side. On the morning of it, Lambert's partner, Mr. G. Osbaldeston, was ill, and wanted to postpone it. But Beauclerk said "No; play or pay." So, "Osbaldeston tottered to the wicket, made one run, and then retired, thus securing a substitute to field." Lambert, a sort of Ajax of a man, scored 56 and 24, bowled three wickets, and caught and bowled the other. He won by 15 runs. Thus his lordship lost his temper, his wicket, the match, and the money.

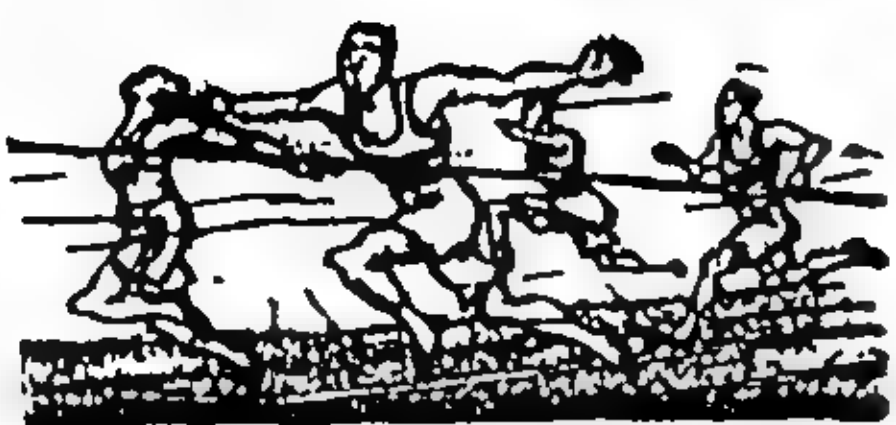
His partner was one T. C. Howard; a mere name; the phantom of an else forgotten accomplice; pale satellite of tyranny. What, I wonder, did Mr. Howard say? Was he allowed even to think? He was not consulted, I fancy, on any point of strategy. He was caught up in the clerical storm, roundly cursed, forced to lend his favourite bat, then blamed for defeat.

It always seems a little strange to me that most of those who can antiquity should fret so much about the erstwhile nature, shape, and position of buildings, and so little about the conversation of those who once laughed, worked, wept, or idled within them. These devoted students will argue for many months about the probable construction of a Forum. Many of us wouldn't give a sausage for all that, if we could only know whether that windswept gap in the corner was once full of shoppers on the verge of conflict about vegetables, while outside there stood a Roman tout passing betting-tablets and the subtlest information on the afternoon's chariot-racing. (So it is, in a minor way, with cricket. Nyren and Pycroft have done their best; their penpictures of the old players are exquisitely drawn.

Practiced What He Preached

But both they, and to a greater degree, those who followed them, have sometimes allowed themselves to be drowned in a flood of mathematics about the size of wickets and balls and bats, to be parched by annalistic dust and confounded in a maze of geography. I would like to know what Mr. Osbaldeston said when that two-a-side match was over; and whether there ever passed through Lord Frederick's mind the shadow of a conviction that the ethics in his sermons were not wholly consummated by his own conduct on the field. Perhaps he didn't care.

These were the men, when history had not long staggered out of legend, with whom any one might have been happy to play. Character, may sometimes have been questionable, but



ATHLETIC STARS UNFIT FOR SERVICES

One of the chief topics to-day in sporting circles is the drafting of athletes for military service, writes an American correspondent. Under the selective service law all men, which includes athletes, within certain age limits are subject to the call.

There are certain conditions under which those who come under the draft may be exempted or put in a deferred class. Those having dependents as well as those who are found to be physically under requirements come within these classifications.

When the draft boards have received the questionnaires required, those men whose numbers are next in line for service are called to appear for general examination and if they pass, they are inducted into the service.

When the ordinary citizen fails to qualify because of physical condition there is little said regarding it; but when the athlete fails it attracts much attention and causes no little surprise.

Gregory Rice is a case in point. On March 23 Greg Rice, the greatest distance runner ever produced in the United States, ran the latest two-mile race, indoors or outdoors, ever recorded when in the Chicago indoor track and field meet he set the sensational time of 8:51.1. His feat bettered the accepted world record of 8:56.2 which he set in 1940. It also bettered his recent 8:53.4 time for which recognition had been asked.

Physically Unfit

Yet a few days later Rice had to appear before the Draft Board for examination prior to possible induction into the Army for a year's training. The Board pronounced him physically unfit for military service, and disclosed that he was suffering from a triple hernia.

It does seem strange that a man who can be a star at baseball, football or any other game should not be able to perform military service. It is hard to figure out how it is that such service should require more physical ability than is needed to take part in the strenuous exercise that sports involve.

It is gratifying to note that few indeed are the athletes who have asked to be exempted or put in the deferred class. They are glad to do their part and it does seem as if they should be accepted and given the same kind of work to perform as is given the non-athlete.

Some persons have put forth the idea that a professional athlete who is drawing a big salary can contribute more by continuing in his field of activity and so paying a large tax to the government than he can by doing military service. There may be some justification for this claim, but we fail to understand the standards whereby it can be claimed that he is not a fit subject for military service because of physical unfitness.

personality was richly varied. The cold hand of progress had not yet slapped the world into dull obediences and mass-conduct.

Others, perhaps, will praise the mid-Victorian times, when Dr. Grace was beginning that career. For me, the earliest tours abroad read very invitingly when the hospitable Australians played "Rule, Britannia," as the opening English pair went out to bat. And the long trip to Australia, in spite of the waves, must have prompted, and strained, social harmony; when there was some pushing to sit next to the captain, and the first mate argued the room empty with a desperation on the decline of back-stopping.

R.A.F. PLAN BIG CRICKET SEASON

Matches Against England, Empire And Army

FROM PLANS SO FAR KNOWN the Royal Air Force, more than anybody else, are preparing for a very good cricket season. Wing Commdr. W. S. Dailey, Inspector of Physical Fitness, appears to be a leading light, and if all his ideas materialise, 1941 should be a grand year for Royal Air Force cricket.

While several representative matches have been arranged, notably those against the Rest of England, an Empire team, the Army and Sir Pelham Warner's Lords XI, it is not the general desire to take men away from local stations for a succession of games; rather is it to get a blend of available talent in each locality, so that the "stars" appear in the same team as "novices" and provide the enjoyment on the spot.

In this way, as Wing Commdr. Dailey puts it, "R.A.F. cricketers will be able to show the flag in the Provinces." Towards this end he hopes to arrange for matches in the West of England, the Midlands, and the North, apart from the games fixed for the London area.

Robbins To Captain Team

The main thought behind the Lords fixtures is charity, and when realising the number of county cricket stars, who have changed their white flanne's for Air Force blue, strong teams come to mind. No doubt Walter Hammond, who now has a commission, would have been the unanimous choice for captain of a Royal Air Force team, but he is now in the Middle East. R. W. V. Robbins, another England player, is, however, available; in fact there are many men worthy of this distinction and the honour may go round.

It is almost certain that as many men as possible will get the chance of playing in the R.A.F. teams as it is the intention to compile a central register, not only for cricket but for other games as well, so that teams may be varied.

Chances of there being a programme of inter-county matches this summer are very slender. The M.C.C. have certainly given no lead as yet, although Sir Pelham Warner, acting Secretary in the absence of Col. Rait-Kerr, is all in favour of seeing that Lords keeps the game alive.

"It is important, too, that we should keep cricket going in the schools," he added. "Last season the M.C.C. arranged 40 games with schools, and all but six were played. That will be done again because, wherever possible, we think the schoolboys should be encouraged to play cricket. Meanwhile there will be plenty of cricket at Lords this Summer, weather permitting." — Reuter.

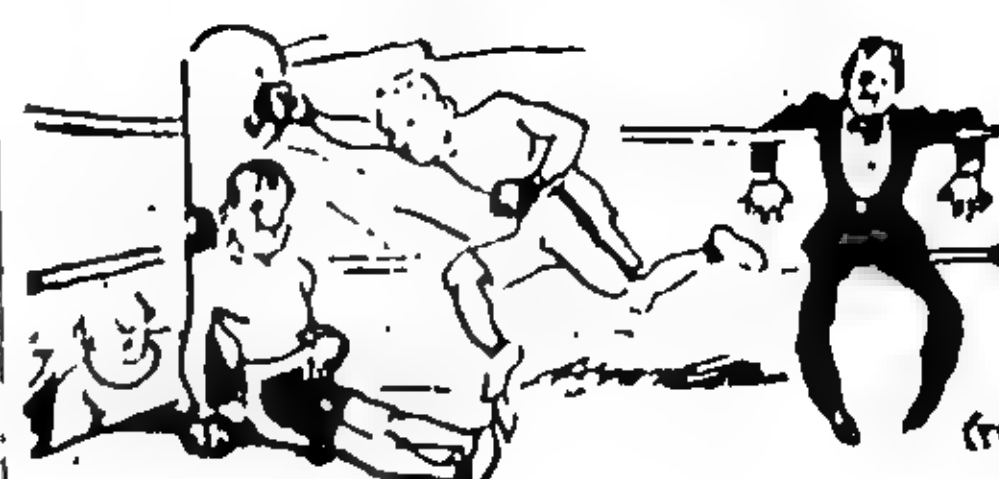
CAR IN PATH OF RACEHORSES

Not since Miss Emily Davison, a suffragette, ran on to the course at Epsom during the 1913 Derby and was killed have I seen such a strange incident on a racecourse as occurred at Plumpton recently, write a Home correspondent.

Near the finish of the first race, a two-mile steeplechase, won by Tweedledum II, the crowd was amazed to see a motor-car crossing the course in the path of four horses galloping at top speed.

All four swerved clear except Roman Chief, owned by Mrs. G. Nicholson. There was a violent collision and the car was overturned. Seth Magee, Roman Chief's jockey, was sent spinning into the air; his horse broke a leg and was destroyed.

Mello Bettina, former world's cruiserweight champion, has been called up for military service. He has two brothers already in the services.



ANOTHER BOXER RETIRES

Lou Ambers has followed "Hammerin'" Henry Armstrong into retirement, states a message from New York.

Beaten for the second time by Lew Jenkins, the "skinny kid from Texas with sage brush for hair and rocks in his hands," as one American sports writer described him, Ambers has gone back to his laundry shop in Herkimer, New York, and from now on will concentrate on bringing up his young son, Anthony, to follow in his footsteps as a boxer.

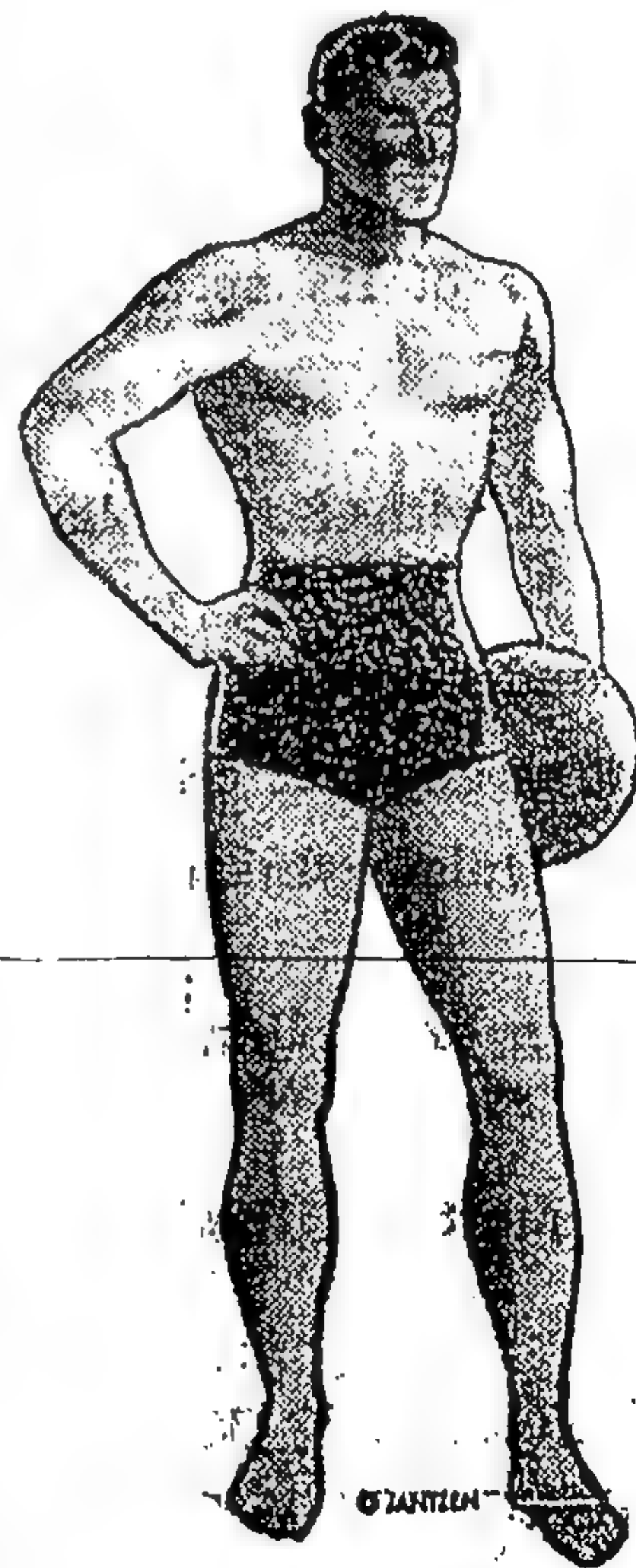
Like Armstrong, Ambers went out of the fight game in a blaze of glory. Trying to "come back" as a welterweight, he found the deadly punches of Jenkins too much for him after putting up a thrilling show for six rounds, but he was still gamely trying to carry on when Arthur Donovan, hearing the frantic cries of Ambers' manager, Al Weill, to "stop it," mercifully stepped in and ended things.

The End Of The Road

With Armstrong, once holder of three world titles—featherweight, lightweight and welterweight—simultaneously, it was his eyes, badly battered from years of ring campaigning, that forced him to retire. With Ambers it was his legs. They just got tired from years of carrying Ambers around boxing rings, and simply refused to function any longer.

Ambers accepted his defeat and his exit from boxing as sportingly as he has fought all his fights.

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CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG FUTURE

REFERENCES TO the difficulties caused by the war, and confidence in the future, were expressed by the Chairman, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, at the Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Mr. Bousfield said: "You will not expect me on this occasion to review the course of the War. We in Hong Kong are far from the centre of events, though the defence preparations, going on all around us, and the strong reinforcement of Singapore are a reminder that we may at any moment become involved. If we are, I hope we shall bear ourselves under fire as manfully as our friends at Home."

Meanwhile, we can only struggle on, under conditions of ever-increasing difficulty, to keep the trade of the Colony going and so fulfil our responsibilities towards the maintenance of this important outpost of the British Empire.

The chief problem with which we are faced is, of course, the shortage of ships resulting from a ruthless campaign against the mercantile marine by which the enemy seeks to offset Britain's naval power and, if possible, to starve the people of the British Isles. We have heard, with immense relief, the news that the President of the United States has instituted a patrol of the Atlantic, 2,000 miles from east to west, and from the Arctic to the Antarctic regions, in order to ensure that Britain "gets the tools to finish the job," which the United States is supplying under the Lend and Lease Plan.

Import Quotas

Another war-time difficulty arises from limitation of imports into the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire effected by means of import licence and quotas. The powers of the various Controllers, and Licensing Departments, are subject to one over-mastering consideration: the availability of shipping. Merchants and manufacturers find that when an import licence has been granted or a quota has been fixed their troubles, sometimes, have only just begun. Under changed circumstances the import licence may be suspended or cancelled, or the shipping space available may be quite insufficient to carry the goods, which the Board of Trade, notwithstanding the need to reduce imports to a minimum, has decided are definitely required by the people at Home.

These obstacles to the shipment of completed goods involve losses for all concerned, but such troubles have to be taken in good part as an inevitable accompaniment of the life and death struggle in which the British Empire is now engaged. The Chamber of Commerce has been actively occupied throughout the year in doing all it can to smooth out these difficulties. In the rubber footwear industry the Chamber has organised a distribution of the limited freight space available, based on the quantity which each firm is licensed to import in proportion to the total quantity covered by all the licences.

H.K.'s Trade

In so far as revocation of import licences affects China produce, the General Produce Brokers' Association of London recently issued a revised contract which provides that Government cancellation of a licence is to be followed automatically by cancellation of the contract between buyer and seller. It has been necessary to point out that—as far as Far Eastern merchants are concerned—this is no solution because exporters have to meet contractual obligations to suppliers. At the suggestion of this Chamber, the British Chambers of Commerce in China have made telegraphic representations to London. Exporters have been advised not to do business on the Produce Brokers' revised contract.

In spite of all these difficulties, the commerce of the Colony kept up remarkably well during 1940, as will be seen from the figures which are given on page 59 of the Chamber's Report. These show quite a substantial increase in the combined value of the Colony's imports and exports.

However, it must not be forgotten that, owing to high prices for all commodities in 1940, this increase in the value of our trade is almost certainly accompanied by some shrinkage in volume. Unfortunately, the Government Statistical Department does not publish tonnage figures, and I should like to take this opportunity of suggesting that his point might be remedied when peaceful conditions return.

Meanwhile, however, some very interesting figures for wholesale prices, covering 1939 and 1940, were released for publication by the Import & Export Department last month. The average increase in price during 1940 over 1939 was largest in the mineral group, with an increase of 44.82 per cent; and smallest in the foodstuff group—29.58 per cent. The average increase for all commodities works out at 35.39 per cent. Had prices remained stationary, the increase or decrease in the total value of the trade of the Colony would accurately represent the percentage increase or decrease in the total tonnage of that trade. Therefore, to obtain a comparison between 1939 and 1940 tonnages we should step up the value of the 1939 figures by the average increase in cost between the two years. In terms of 1940 values, we thus arrive at a figure of £93.8 millions sterling for 1939 trade as against £85.1 millions sterling for 1940. From this it would appear that 1940 suffered a tonnage loss of 9.275 per cent as compared with the previous year.

No Pessimism

However, as foodstuffs formed the largest individual item of import during 1940, and as this group underwent the smallest increase in price, it is probable that the weighted general average for all groups would show a smaller percentage increase than the figure of 35.39 per cent on which I have worked and this in turn would mean that the decrease in tonnage is even less than 9.27 per cent. But even on the basis of this latter figure it is surprising that the Colony was so little affected during 1940 by the world shortage of shipping. The position reflects great credit on the more economic use to which available bottoms must have been put, and those concerned are to be congratulated. Unfortunately I fear that 1941 must inevitably see a further shrinkage in the volume of our trade and, indeed, since this address was prepared news of further shipping restrictions has come to hand which will result at least for the time being in the almost complete cessation of the export of Hong Kong-manufactured goods to Great Britain.

Nevertheless, I am not one of these pessimists who, whilst admitting that conditions have kept up surprisingly well in the past, forecast that evil times are just around the corner. It would be foolish to indulge in wishful thinking concerning our prospects for the current year, but the adaptability which the Colony has shown in meeting changed conditions will, I trust, help us to make up on the swings at least some of what we are likely to lose on the roundabouts.

New Industries

Here I would like to say a few words on the increasing importance of our local industry. The old-established industries of shipbuilding and repairing, cement making and sugar refining all show increased activity, but it is rather to the growth of the more recently established industries that I refer, and I would particularly ask you to study the figures given on page 60 of the Chamber's Report. You will see that the export value of the goods listed therein has increased from a little under \$35 millions in 1939 to over \$51 millions in 1940—an increase of 46.98 per cent—and this in spite of quotas, export licences and other impediments. Admittedly this total is small in comparison with the combined import and export figure of \$137.45 millions, but it will be

Diplomatic Travellers

Franz von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, arrived in Ankara last evening, says an Ankara telegram to Vichy quoted by Reuter.

The Soviet Ambassador to Berlin, M. Dekanosew, returned to his post yesterday after spending 14 days in Moscow, says Reuter.

realised how important a place in the life of the community local manufactures have now taken when it is remembered that the amount which "sticks" with the Colony, i.e. the difference between the import value of the raw materials and the export price, is probably no less than 65 per cent on the average in the case of locally-made articles, whereas the amount sticking with the Colony on account of its entrepot trade is probably not more than two or three per cent.

Potentialities Of Colony

The Delhi Conference has opened the eyes of a good many in the Middle and Far East to the potentialities of Hong Kong, and we all hope that one result of that Conference will be to accelerate the growth of our productivity. It is possible that in retrospect the period covered by the present war will be looked on as having done more to put the industry of this Colony on its feet than any other like period of time. However, if we are to achieve this enviable goal the local manufacturers will have to show their usual resource in directing the labour of this Colony into new channels and so make up for what we hope will be the temporary loss of the U.K. market.

Sir David Owen's report on the Harbour stresses the desirability of going ahead with certain reclamations as soon as practicable. If this can be done, and legislation is avoided which might make us unable to compete with manufacturers in China, I think the Colony can confidently look forward to greatly increased prosperity when the political horizons have cleared.

Sir David Owen's report on the future control and development of the Harbour, to which I alluded just now, has been published so recently that I do not propose to refer to it at length, pending full consideration by the appropriate Sub-committees of the Chamber. It is clearly a valuable and most instructive document, the product of wide knowledge and experience. The report should help the whole Colony to take long views in the development of its most valuable asset.

Tribute To Mr. Key

We have again to express sympathy with the merchant community in Canton who for another year have suffered—by force of circumstances beyond their control—the almost complete loss of their trade. A year ago there were hopes of the re-opening of the River, but I regret to say that these have not yet materialised.

We are all glad that His Excellency the Governor has returned to the Colony recovered in health and trust that his strength may be maintained to face the strenuous duties which each day and hour bring to him in these times of stress. I am sure you will wish me also to express our appreciation of the services rendered to the Colony by General Norton during his term as Acting-Governor.

The motion before the meeting includes the adoption of the Accounts of the Chamber. These call for no comment beyond the fact that the balance is on the right side and the membership continues to grow. Extension of the demand by Governments the world over for certificates of origin in fees from this source of income.

This year our hard-working Secretary—the term is hackneyed, but I can think of nothing which more accurately describes Mr. Key—has done even more than the usual amount of work of Government behalf as, during the absence of the Hong Kong Delegation at Delhi, his full-time services were lent to the War Supplies Board and in recent months he has worked for several hours a week for the Food & Firewood Control Board. This, in turn, has thrown a great deal of extra work on the Assistant Secretary and, indeed, the whole staff. We are indebted to them, for the many hours of extra time which they have had to put in to keep pace with the work involved.

COLONIAL WELFARE OFFICER

The Secretary of State has appointed a Welfare Officer in the Colonial Office whose duty it will be to make arrangements for the welfare of residents of the colonies who are living in or visiting the United Kingdom.

This officer will be especially concerned with the well-being of students, seamen and those who go to the United Kingdom to join His Majesty's forces or to undertake war work, and will work in cooperation with existing Government and other agencies.

The officer selected for this post is Mr. J. L. Keith, late of the Northern Rhodesian Administrative Service. Mr. Keith will be assisted in that part of his work which relates to Africa and the West Indies by Mr. I. G. Cummings, an African from Sierra Leone, who is at present Secretary to Aggrey House.

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QUIET DAY ON THE STOCK MARKET

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was quiet but values generally were maintained. Gilt-edged were mainly steady, movements of industrials were small and home rails remained unchanged. De Beers continued strong due to a shortage of stock, and among foreign issues Iraq 4 1/2 per cent yesterday were quoted at 84 1/2 compared with 83. Oils were quiet, with Anglo-Iranian slightly easier. Wall Street was slow. —Reuter.

SHANGHAI RICE PRICES FALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
With the arrival of rice in Shanghai from Hong Kong on Sunday prices have taken a decided drop, ranging in the vicinity of \$124 a picul against the previous quotation of \$148.

Retail dealers were taking delivery this morning with special police precautions, and the outlook for the rice situation is improving. —International News Service.

CROATS ACT AGAINST JEWS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A Zagreb despatch received in Budapest alleges that the new Croatian Government has confiscated all Jewish shops. The report states that henceforth the former Jewish proprietors may be employed as nothing higher than errand boys. —International News Service.

THIEF GAOLED

Charged with breaking into No. 3, King's Park Mansions and stealing a rattan basket, containing a cotton quilt and other clothing, Wong Sam, 24, who had nine previous convictions, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

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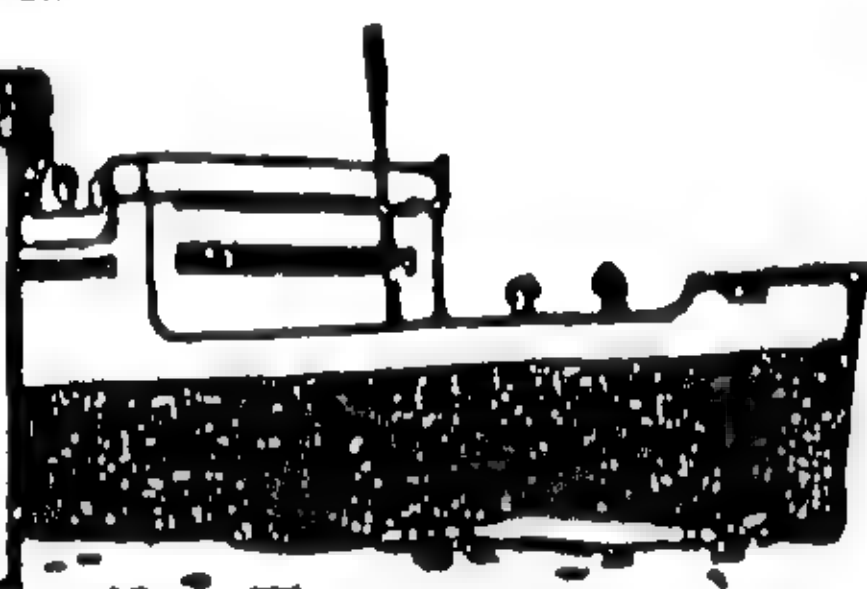
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6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Half an Hour with Massenet. "Manon"—Fantasia Marek Weber and his Orchestra; "Sapho"—Air de Jean Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra; "Thais"—Meditation Boston Promenade Orch.; "Thais"—Tell me I am Beautiful Maryse Beaujon (Soprano) with Orchestra. Scenes Pittoresques Fetes Boheme The London Palladium Orchestra, "Werther" Pourquoi me Reveiller? Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

8.02 p.m.—An Hour of Classical Recitals.

Eude in F Minor (Liszt) Simon Barer (Piano); Jeanne d'Arc Firewell, Ye Mountains (Tchikowsky); Maria Jeritza (Soprano) with Orchestra, Incidental Music to "Mary Rose" (O'Neill) New Light Symphony Orchestra, O Glad some Light (Sullivan) The B.B.C. Wireless Chorus, Rustle of Spring (Piano), Valse Triste Kuolema (Sibelius) Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Fantasiestücke Op. 12 (Schumann) Yves Nat (Piano), Let the Bright Seraphim (Handel) Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra, 2nd Movement from Symphony No. 6 in F Major Op. 68 "Pastoral" (Beethoven) Andante molto mosso Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—"The Hope of a New World" No. 3: "Prayer and its Answer" Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York

9.30 p.m.—Elgar — Froissart Overture Op. 19. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar Bart, O.M., K.C.V.O.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only)

9.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections: Me and My Girl Vocal Selections Wallace Lupino, Lupino Lane Teddie St Denis & Chorus with Orchestra

Home and Beauty Selection Adelphi Theatre Orchestra

10.00 p.m.—Dance Music with Vocal Variety.

Fox-Trots Copenhagen, Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise (from "New Moon") Ailie Shaw & her Orch. Tango Summer evening in Santa Cruz, Slow Fox-Trot The moon remembered but you forgot (from "Let's be famous") Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody

Vocal America I love You (Leslie Götter), Dear Old Pal of Mine (Robe Gutz Rue) Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra

Fox-Trot Flea on a Spree Tedd, Powell & his Orchestra

Blues The Ghost of Smoky Joe, Fox-Trot Floogie Walk (both from "Cotton Club Parade") The Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus

Vocal No. Souvenirs (Boyd), This Can't be Love (from "Up and Down") Adelaide Hall with Instrumental Accomp.

Slow Fox-Trots Moonlight and Mimosas, When I Dream of Home Joe Loss & his Orchestra

Fox-Trot I've Got no Strings (from "Pinochio") Bob Chester & his Orchestra

Vocal Sweet Little Sweetheart (McIntire & Allaire), Love Lies (Sikman & others) Turner Layton & his Piano

Fox-Trots The Singing Hills; Cuban Romeo Ambrose & his Orch. Waltz-Don't Ever Pass Me By... Jack Payne & his Band.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

NIGHTSOIL ARRESTS

FIVE GARDENERS AND THREE WOMEN WERE EACH FINED \$10 BY MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON, AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING, FOR CONVEYING NIGHT-SOIL WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL.

They were arrested in Kowloon City early this morning by Sanitary Department officers.

Mr. C. d'Almada Remedios, pleading guilty, on behalf of accused, submitted that his clients were not fully aware of the new Regulations.

REGULATIONS BREACH OF DEFENCE

Fines of \$25 each were imposed on Lam Shiu, 35, salesman, and Lee Sung-sui, 38, cook on board a British ship, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning, for a breach of the Defence Regulations.

First accused was alleged to have attempted to export 20 bags of scrap iron without permission from the Controller of Trade, and second accused with attempting to export 40 gunny bags.

RED TAPE GRIP ON SHIPPING

PRACTICAL SHIPPING MEN of ability and experience have been sidetracked by Civil Servants. They have been told to confine their energies to matters of minor importance, leaving Civil Servants almost complete freedom to deal with matters of vital practical importance and urgency to the country and the industry.

This indictment of the red tape stranglehold on the shipping industry was made by Sir W. Reardon Smith, Bart., president of the Bristol Channel Shipowner's Association, addressing the members at Cardiff.

Sir Reardon Smith controls the largest fleet of tramp ships in Wales.

The most disturbing feature, he said, was the endless delay in coming to finality on questions which were left unsettled month after month.

Delays were due to lack of cooperation and confidence between practical shipping men and the chief Civil Servants at the Ministry of Shipping.

"It seems," he went on, "that the peace-time methods in the Civil Service are still employed during the present emergency with the result that instead of time becoming the vital factor it appears to be of little or no account."

Whitehall Jealousies

"Most of us in the industry have watched with growing concern the apparent neglect of shipping by many Government departments, including Transport, Supply, Food and even the Admiralty. It has been treated as just another means of transport instead of the most vital means."

"If only the Prime Minister himself or a Minister with the necessary drive and authority could spend some time in each of the departments mentioned and iron out the natural jealousies which exist between one department and another, cut away a few more wrappings of red tape and get down to essentials, all shipping men would be happier and the nation's war effort would be helped considerably."

"If those who control us now would think less of minutes, dockets and that wonderful cloak 'Passed to you, please,' and visualise ships and men and even own-

ers working under the present abnormal conditions, they would say to the practical shipping men, 'Carry on! We are with you and are prepared to trust you to the limit.'"

HARVARD FILM

A film showing the Tercentenary Celebration of the founding of Harvard College in Cambridge will shortly be brought here for a private showing to Harvard men in Hong Kong and their friends.

Arrangements for the occasion are being formulated by a Committee composed of Dr. J. Heng Lau of Union Drug Company and Mr. W. W. Hoffmann of the American Consulate-General. There may be a dinner party during which a Harvard Club of Hong Kong may be inaugurated.

It is requested that all Harvard men in Hong Kong send their names and addresses to either member of the Committee so that notices may be sent to them.

COOLIDGE'S AWARD

Operating officials of the American President Lines have been notified by the Accident Prevention Bureau of the Waterfront Employers' Association that their flagship, the President Coolidge, has won the Bureau's coveted "Safety Award" for 1940.

Competition for this award is based on efforts to minimise the number of disabling occupational injuries among ships' personnel.

The President Coolidge was the only Pacific passenger vessel to qualify for the privilege of flying the safety pennant for 1940. An appropriate presentation ceremony was held when the President Coolidge returned to San Francisco from the Orient on Friday.

GERMANS FAIL TO BREAK NORWAY'S RESISTANCE

NORWAY'S WILL TO RESIST — passively but stubbornly — the mixture of blandishments and brutalities by which the German authorities seek to govern the country is not breaking under the strain.

Professor Jacob Worm-Mueller, late professor of modern history at Oslo University, who made a remarkable escape with his wife from Norway, has given an interesting picture of life in the occupied land.

The professor left his country in circumstances he is not prepared to divulge, and made his way to Stockholm with only a vague idea of his future movements, but with a determination to reach England even if he had to travel round the world to do it.

This, in fact, he did. A normal peacetime trip of some 36 hours was converted into a journey taking nearly two months.

His route lay by air from Stockholm to Moscow; by train across Siberia to Vladivostok; from there to Tokyo by boat; thence to the United States and Canada; by ship to Lisbon, and thence by flying boat to England.

Passive resistance to the Nazis, the Professor said, was the best weapon the Norwegians had in their armoury. It showed itself in many ways and in all classes of society.

School-children became aware that their lessons smacked of a strange philosophy, and decided that strike action was called for.

The love of the nation for its King produced a crop of national

emblems engraved with his figure in the lapels of thousands of loyal countrymen. When the Nazi police ordered these emblems to be removed some other symbol—a coloured pencil in a certain pocket, or a handkerchief worn in a certain way—would make its appearance with uncanny unanimity.

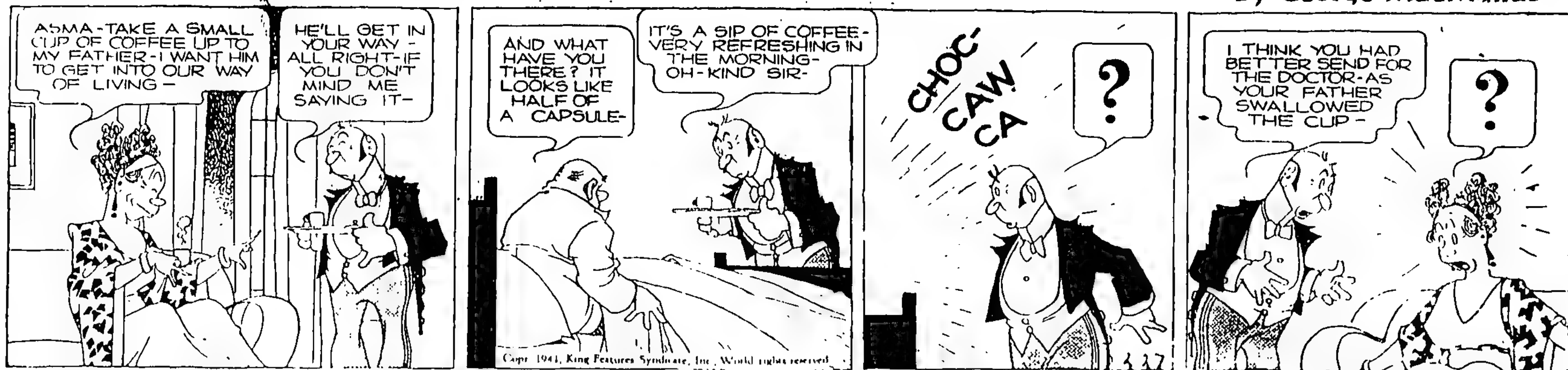
Audacious Escapes

Escapes by sea from Norway to Britain, undertaken under circumstances of the greatest audacity, at one time became frequent occurrences.

Professor Worm-Mueller said that he was surprised to meet in the centre of London one day a Norwegian in the uniform of the Oslo tramways. It appeared that the man had left his tram, made his escape "through the usual channels" and had had no chance to change his clothes!

Another man, who got away brought with him an amusing account of the German preparations for the invasion of Scotland. Outside Oslo a students' hostel had been converted into a barracks, and in the quadrangle German soldiers in Scottish kilts marched up and down to a somewhat amateurish skirl of the bagpipes.

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Colognes And Perfumes Are Masculine Aids

After hearing numerous complaints from wives about husbands snatching their favourite colognes, one enterprising perfumer got busy and ruddled and masculinised the favourite feminine colognes of his line. Result? Men took to them like flapjacks—yes even brawny he men. And now the after shave, after-bath cologne is as common a masculine aid to grooming as is a razor or shaving soap.

Some men (and legion are they) have gone a step onward. They are scent on their handkerchiefs and women adore the habit! Several very woody brews have been introduced and all have been approved by meticulous males.



His after-bath cologne is masculine — her's is feminine. Both are refreshing and serve as important grooming aids. To husband and wife give companion fragrances so bathroom "snitching" will cease!

Of course, the primary use of cologne, perfumes and deodorants is to minimise or prevent unpleasant body odours and both should be used only after the skin has had a thorough scrubbing with good soap and water. Body odours are caused by bacterial decay of perspiration and there is no denying that men perspire more than women. That stands to reason for their clothing is not porous and they are more active than women. So why isn't it logical that they use both these grooming aids to

make their persons more acceptable? Of course, it is logical and the phony opinion that only sissies are meticulous in their grooming has been proven phony. Let's look at the record!

History Speaks

In an article written for a popular man's magazine, is this paragraph, "Hard guys and he-men, from the time of Alexander down, went in for perfumes of some kind or another. Otho of the Holy Roman Empire, and Charlemagne went into battle on the aromatic side and so on down to Napoleon. They all went for it. Knocking off your fellow man is sweaty work and these boys knew the score. Athletes and the aristocracy used perfumes then, and their use is back to-day. American men are joining the ranks of the fastidious and verile

along with the hard-riding Argentine Gauchos and French steel-workers who buy their cologne by the quart!"

So this Christmas you may give any man a large bottle of cologne and good deodorant and a small bottle of perfume without insulting his virility! If he grouses and puts on an act you can remind him that not so long ago a man wearing a wrist watch was considered slightly feminine. But when our heroes returned from the trenches using wrist watches the boys back home decided that their opinion had been erroneous for guys who went over the top were not the kind to whistle at! You know the popularity of the wrist watch to-day!

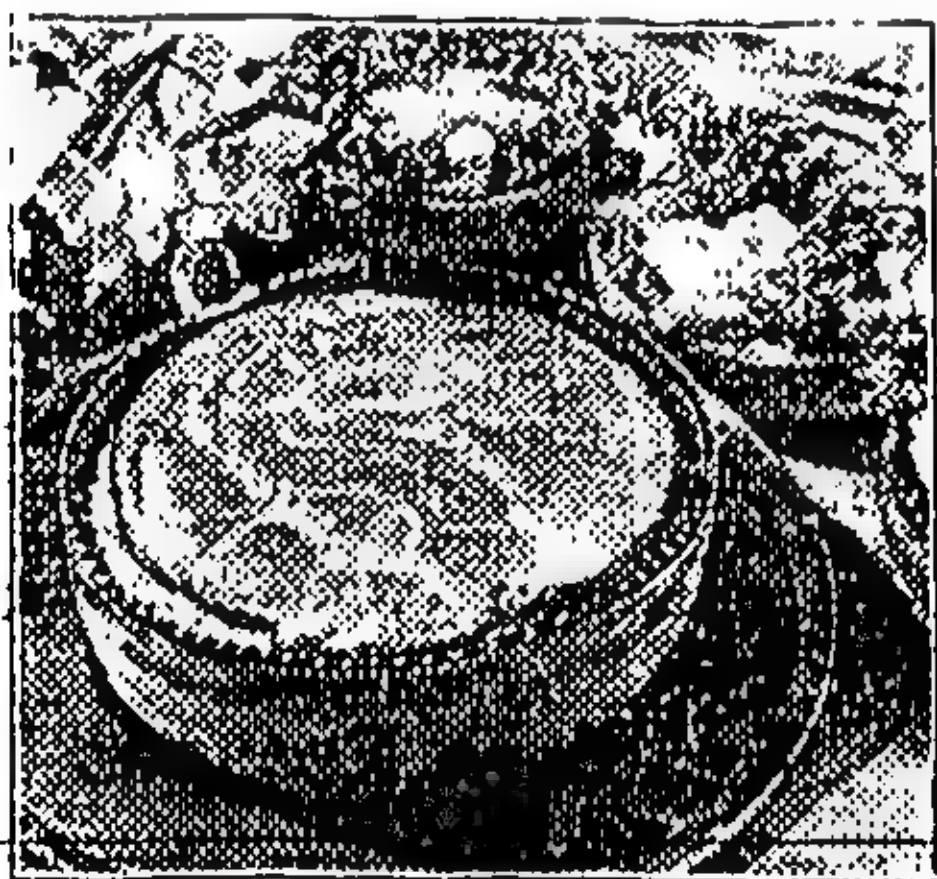
And here's hoping more men will use these aids. They would if they remembered that ladies have sensitive noses!

Just a Huffy-Puff is this easy SOUFFLE

Dorothy Greig

WHEN mother wanted to imply that a certain thing was simple to do she'd say, "It's as easy as rolling off a log." And that is just the way it is with this soufflé.

It has but three ingredients. Once they're mixed and in the oven, the soufflé does the rest. It huffs and puffs its way up until it is big and puffy and light.



When done, whip it from the oven and serve immediately while it is still proudly high and tender. With it offer fresh green salad, and there you have as delicious a main course for lunch or supper as ever you could wish.

Asparagus-Cheese Soufflé
1 can condensed asparagus soup
2 cup sharp cheese, grated
4 eggs, separated

Combine the grated cheese and the asparagus soup and heat until the cheese is melted. Then stir in the egg yolks, adding one yolk at a time and beating well after adding each yolk; then cool. Beat the egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Fold the asparagus mixture into the beaten egg whites. Pour into a buttered casserole; then place the casserole in pan with hot water. Bake in 300° oven for 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves 6.

WOMAN DETECTIVE MARRIES

Miss Katharine Sanderson, a young woman detective, whom members of the Special Branch at Scotland Yard described as brilliant, was married at the Scottish National Church, Crown-court, Covent Garden, to P.C. Alexander Mackay, of Strathpeffer.

Miss Sanderson, who comes from Cheshire, was attached to the Special Branch when the I.R.A. outrages began in Britain. She trailed two of the leaders and was one of the women detectives referred to as "Miss A" and "Miss B" during the trial at the Old Bailey.

When the war began she carried out many important secret inquiries for the Yard. She resigned her position in view of her marriage.

REFUGEES FROM IRAQ IN BOMBAY

The majority of British women and children evacuated from Iraq have now reached Bombay, according to a communiqué issued by the Bombay Government yesterday.

So far 80 children have arrived, the majority of them being very young. — Reuter.



Dieting Dot says it's the pangs of hunger and not self-pity that get an overweight down.

CHILD BORN IN SHELTER

A woman had her fifteenth child, which was born in a shelter, and was provided with a layette sent by the American Red Cross, states a report of the Women's Voluntary Services.

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The SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

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1 Case Dried Cells.
4 Bundles Iron Bars.
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE IMPORTANCE OF PASSING By The Four Aces

Most players are anxious to learn how to bid, but few realise how important it is to know when to pass. Of course, the average bridge fan has little trouble in deciding on a pass when he has a very weak hand; it's when he has good cards that he cannot bring himself to hand control over to his partner by passing. For example

North, Dealer
North South vulnerable

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| ♠ 10 | ♠ 10 9 4 |
| ♥ A J 7 3 | ♥ J 7 6 2 |
| ♦ A Q 5 | ♦ A 7 2 |
| ♣ K Q J 8 3 | ♣ 6 2 |

The bidding:

| | | | |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| North | East | South | West |
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ | 1♠ |
| 3♣ | Pass | 4♥ | 4♠ |
| 6♥ | Dbl. | Pass | Pass |

North had a good hand, but had already bid his full strength when West tried the sacrifice bid of four spades. Furthermore, it was clear to everyone at the table that West didn't expect to fulfill his contract of four spades. So if North had passed, he could have been quite sure that South would take some action.

If South had a long heart suit and good distribution, he would probably bid five hearts; otherwise he would double four spades and collect a sure profit rather than try for a doubtful one.

As it happened, South had no chance to make five hearts, for the bad trump break resulted in the loss of two hearts besides the club Ace. If North had passed four spades, South would have been delighted to double; and four spades would have been set four tricks for a loss of 700 points.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| ♠ J 7 | ♠ 10 7 4 2 |
| ♥ Q 10 7 4 2 | ♥ K 9 3 |
| ♦ K 9 3 | ♦ K 8 4 |
| ♣ K 8 4 | |

The bidding:

| | | | |
|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| Jacoby | Schenker | You | Maier |
| 1♠ | 1♠ | 2♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 2♠ | (?) | |

ANSWER: Pass. You have already shown your values, and your partner was unwilling to go on. There is no particular point in a bid at this stage, and much harm might result from overstating the strength of your hand.

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 714

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

| | | | |
|--------|----------|------|-------|
| Jacoby | Schenker | You | Maier |
| 1♠ | 1♠ | 2♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | (?) | 3♠ |

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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MANCHESTER LEARNS LESSON FROM THE BLITZ

(By A Special Correspondent)

IN EVERY TOWN I find the same reaction to bombing — a proud, even passionate, conviction that nowhere else in England have people been through such hell. Manchester is no exception; and the city really has been hit much harder than most Southerners imagine.

There are large areas of rubble and many skeleton walls jaggging the skyline like bad teeth.

If one adds that most of the damage was due to sheer slackness in fire-watching, the obvious reply is that a few months ago precautions were no more satisfactory anywhere else.

Nearly all the damage was done on two nights. After heavy bombing with high explosives the raiders launched the real attack, incendiaries fell like hail. Where fire-watchers were active these did little damage.

Exchange Destroyed

But some of the finest buildings, such as the Royal Exchange, said to be the biggest commercial premises in the world, were occupied by scores of offices and shops which did not employ watchers. They soon caught fire and the flames spread fast.

When day broke the pillar of fire by night dulled into a pillar of smoke. With darkness the fires that had seemed dying glowed red again, and the bombers came back, this time for a shorter period.

By the second morning the blitz was over, and Manchester could take stock. Tall commercial buildings behind Piccadilly had gone; so had rows along Corporation and Miller Streets, and that quaint old market area, the Shambles.

Eight churches were destroyed, more were damaged so seriously that they cannot be repaired during the war, and a large number suffered minor damage. One of the places badly hit was Cross Street Chapel, a cradle of Non-conformity.

Eight hospitals were hit, and of the Free Trade Hall there is nothing left but the facade.

Cathedral Damaged

The Cathedral was damaged, but not seriously. The picturesque

15th-century Chetham Hospital nearly opposite, housing a blue-coat school and the oldest free public library in England, escaped altogether; and so did the John Rylands Library, with its 300,000 volumes.

And how does Manchester take it all? The average man is philosophic enough, but it would be wrong to deny that, over two things, there is dissatisfaction. One is fire-watching; the other is communications.

One observer told me that he travels 10 miles each way daily on a line not affected by bombing or even traffic. The journey takes from 90 to 105 minutes.

"Manchester people will put up with any amount of danger and hardship, where necessary," said my friend. "To keep tired men and women hanging about in the cold and rain needlessly is just moral sabotage. People are becoming coldly angry, and if the railway companies won't do anything about it the Ministry of Transport should."

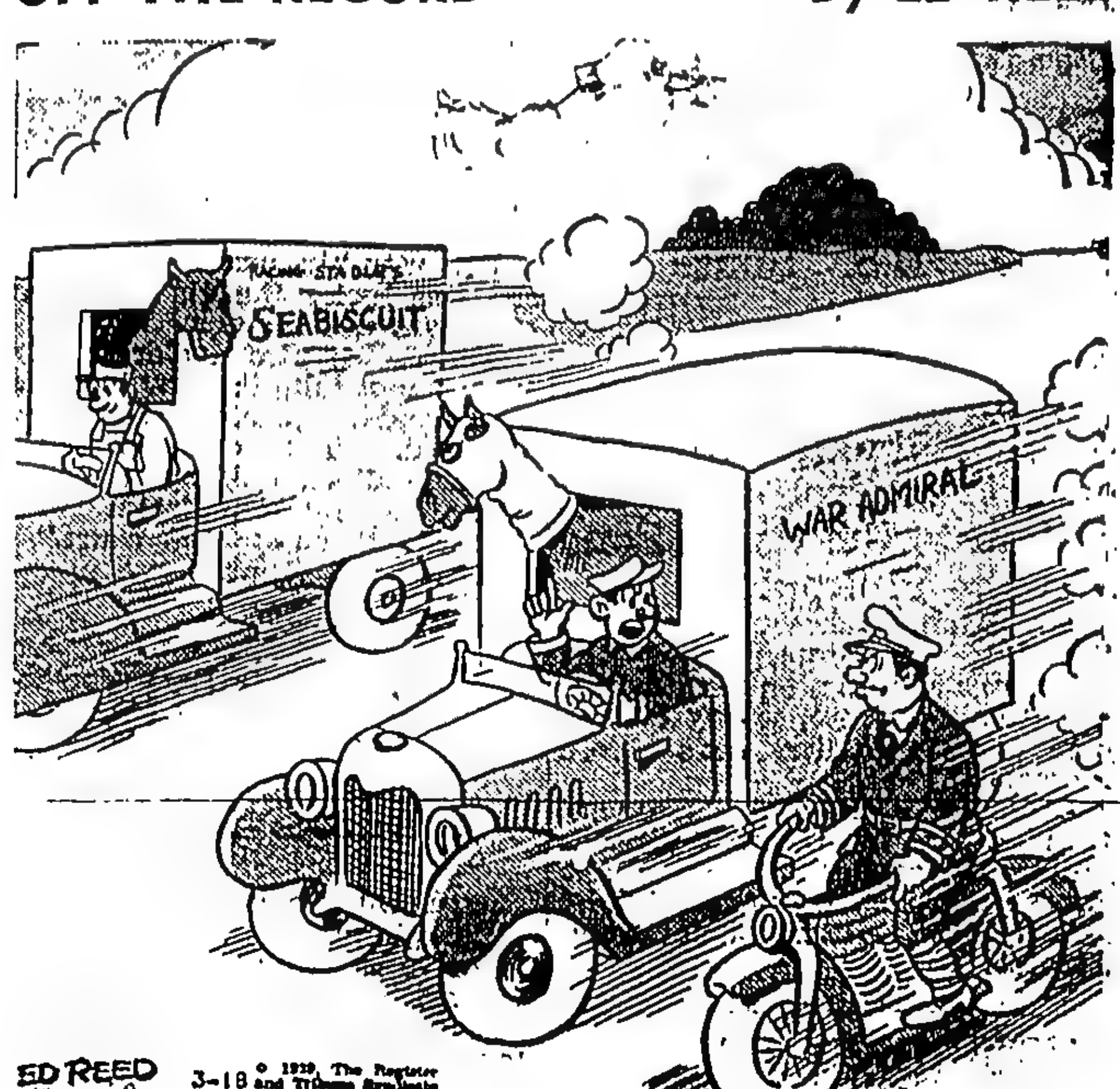
ACTION AGAINST S.M.C.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The full Shanghai Consular Court yesterday reserved judgment in the city's \$1,000,000 fan-tan land tax case, filed against the Council by four Chinese fan-tan land owners, disputing the Council's right to claim rates on their properties dating back nearly 100 years, as their ancestors are considered exempt, being owners of land prior to the Council's administration. - International News Service.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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BLAZING SHAMBLES Enormous Havoc In Hamburg

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE BIGGEST BRITISH BLOW YET DELIVERED OVER A SINGLE GERMAN CITY HAS TRANSFORMED THE LARGE INDUSTRIAL AND WATERFRONT DISTRICTS OF HAMBURG INTO A BLAZING SHAMBLES.

Thousands of high explosive and incendiary bombs were rained down for hours by at least 200 British bombers on Germany's main seaport.

Pilots said demolition bombs squarely hit German warships and two supply vessels, while veteran flyers taking part in the raid declared the havoc was the worst they had ever seen.

It is hinted in London that giant American four-motored bombers were used in the raid.

Before Hamburg could recover from the impact of Saturday's attacks, yet another strong force of British bombers were despatched last night to continue the destruction and disorganisation of this great seaport.

The vast expanse of docks and shipbuilding yards, nine miles long, lining the banks of the Elbe, were threaded and crossed with fire, says the Air Ministry. Industrial quarters of the town were also vigorously attacked.

"Equally Successful"

The weather at Bremen, which was the night's other main target, was equally fine.

A pilot said "It was the kind of night when only the bomber could be blamed if we missed the target."

The attack on Bremen was as heavy as that on Hamburg and, say the Air Ministry, equally successful. — Reuter.

CONTROL OF PHILIPPINE EXPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. House of Representatives Military Affairs Committee yesterday unanimously approved the Bill extending the export control licensing system to the Canal Zone and the Philippines.

Mr. Dean Acheson, Assistant Secretary of State, urged the measure's adoption on the grounds of national defence, saying Philippine exports to the Axis were increasing.

Brigadier-General Maxwell testified that the U.S. badly needs Philippine copper, iron, manganese, chrome, coconut oil and Manila fibre. — International News Service.

WEDDINGS AT THE REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Supreme Court Registry to-day:

Mr. Wong Yit Hing, student, and Miss Wyla Lee, of No. 17 Yu Chau Street.

Mr. Lee Chiu Yin, clerk, and Miss Cheung Wing Tak, of No. 5 Kwong Ming Street.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

British Code Of Justice

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

British justice rolled inexorably in Shanghai yesterday morning, overriding nationality and the war itself, by upholding principle when Mrs. Annette Loca, an Italian subject, secured judgment in H.M. Supreme Court against Mrs. J. O. Cubban for damages of \$300, return of a typewriter and costs.

The claim arose over non-payment of rental, upon which defendant took plaintiff's typewriter as security, stating it was done with the approval of a British officer of the Western Area Special Police Force.

TO THIS JUDGE GRANT-JONES RETORTED: "THE POLICE DO MANY FOOLISH THINGS AND THIS IS APPARENTLY ONE OF THEM."

His Worship warned defendant she was lucky the claim for damages was not heavier.

The Judge also declared: "Britons cannot take the law into their own hands regardless who else is involved. The only procedure for a landlord holding a tenant's goods is by a distraint order secured through the court." — International News Service.

FALANGISTS CHARGE BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Charging that Britain was trying to drive a wedge between the Falangists and the Spanish Army in order to prevent Spain from joining the Axis, the Falangist newspaper "Arriba" stated yesterday that leaflets describing the Falangists as the enemies of the Spanish army have been discovered. — International News Service.

7,000,000 STEEL HELMETS

More than seven million steel helmets of standard types have been supplied, chiefly to the Fighting Forces, the Home Guard and the Civil Defence Services.

ROOSEVELT, MENZIES IN LONG TALK

Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, had an hour's bedside talk with President Roosevelt after which Mr. Menzies told pressmen that "there were few things we did not talk about; we circumnavigated the world and it was a stimulating journey."

The Australian Minister, Mr. Casey, who accompanied Mr. Menzies, said that they talked of matters of the "past, present, and future."

Mr. Menzies brought no message from Mr. Winston Churchill to President Roosevelt, but said that he conveyed verbal personal greetings. — Reuter.

HITLER ANNOYED?

The Berlin and Bari radio stations which, during the past week, have devoted their six daily transmissions in Arabic almost entirely to the Iraqi rebellion, last Sunday night abruptly ceased all reference to the Iraqi usurper, Raschid Ali, and confined themselves mainly to reading a rebel communique.

Well-informed persons in Cairo express the opinion that Hitler cannot tolerate an unsuccessful Quisling. — Reuter.

GROSSLY EXAGGERATED

Emir Abdullah of Transjordan yesterday personally denied the "pernicious rumours" that he was shot by his son during a quarrel over Iraq.

The Emir is in excellent health, and the rumours are ascribed in Transjordan circles in Cairo to hostile propagandists. — Reuter.

CONTROL OF PHILIPPINES WAR SUPPLIES

Legislation designed to stop the supply to the Axis powers of war materials produced in the Philippines was unanimously approved by the Military Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday.

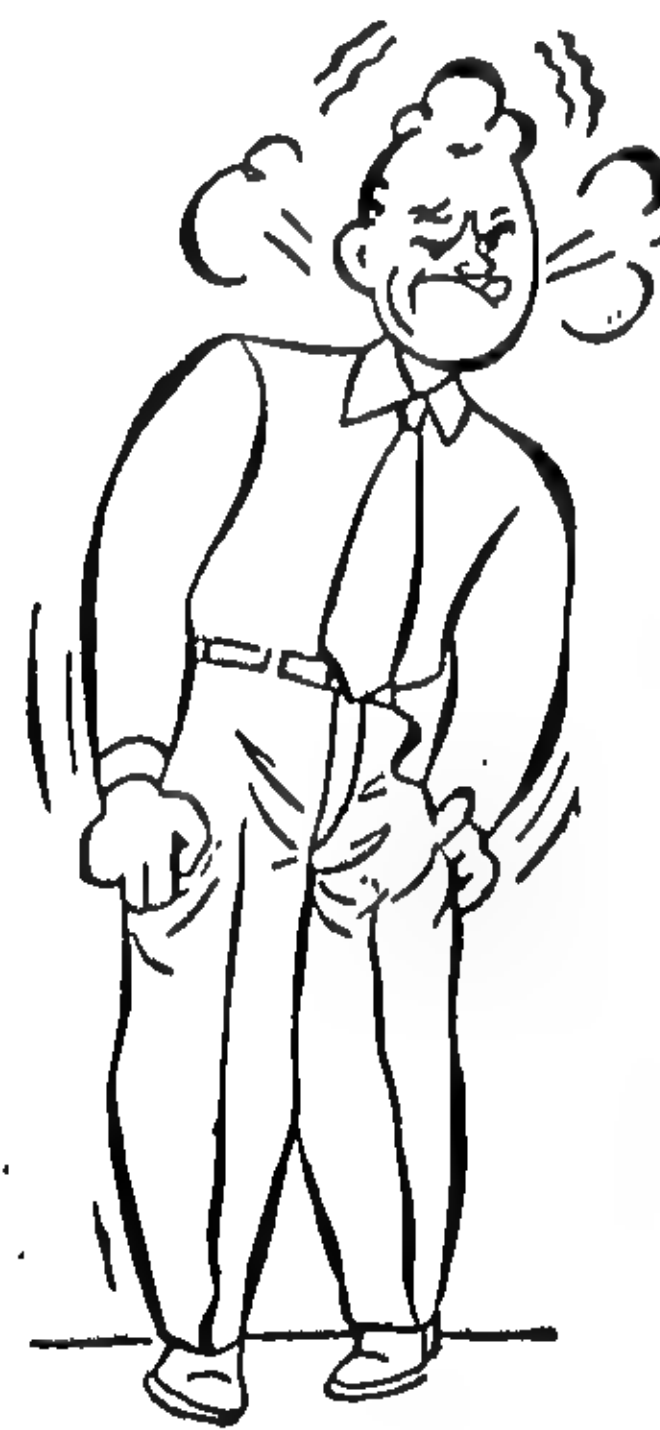
It would empower President Roosevelt to control the export of defence materials including Philippine products. — Reuter.



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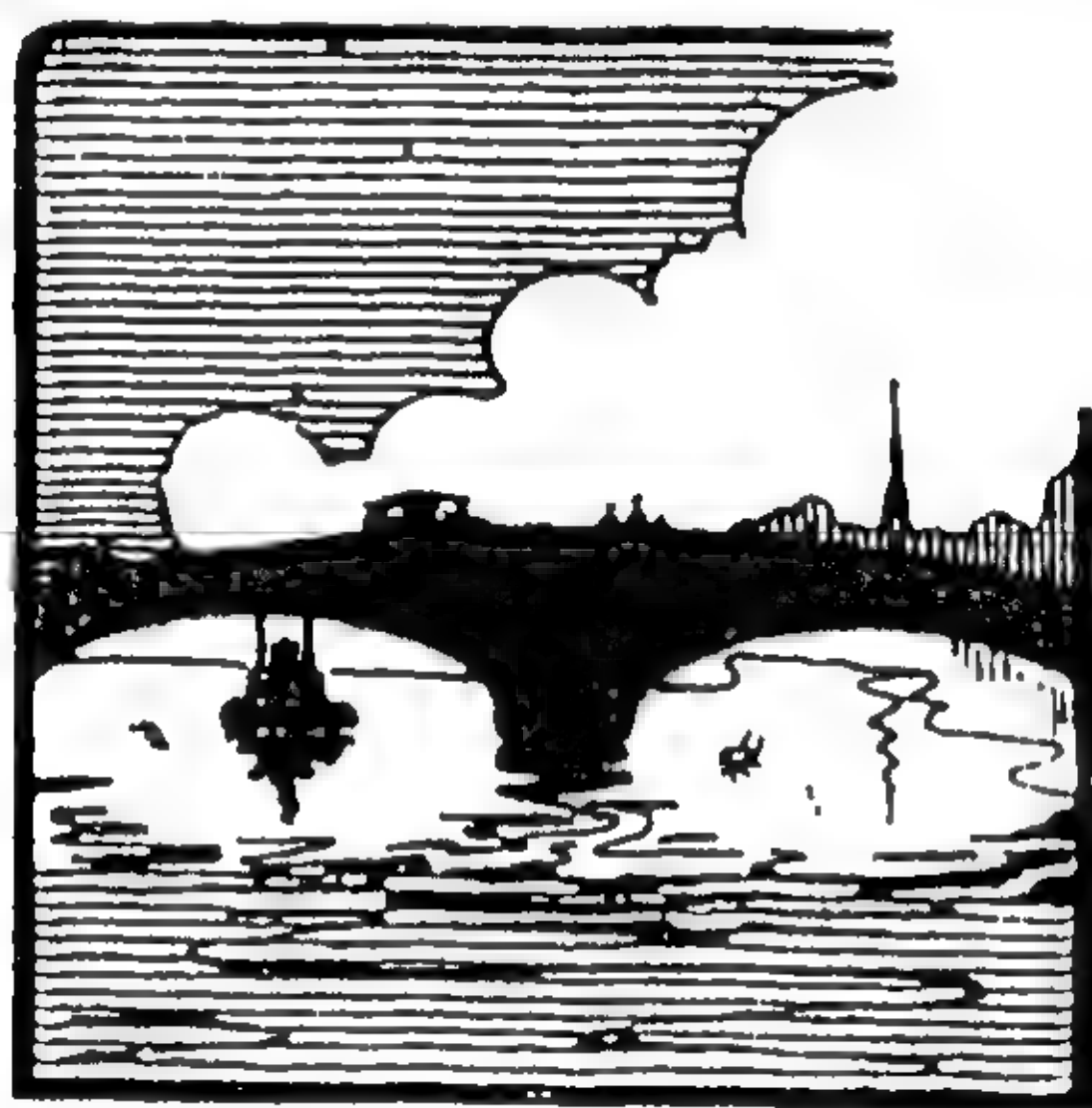
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BRITAIN'S FIRST ALLY: CANADA'S EFFORT

PROOF THAT APART from manpower contributions to the fighting services the aid being given to Britain by her Dominions represents material support of the first dimension, is adduced by the weekly journal "Economist," which observes that Canada is Britain's first ally.

Canada's last budget, it writes, "is proof enough that Canada's war effort is not being stemmed by dissension."

First estimate of war expenditure in 1940/41 was 500 million dollars. After Dunkirk it was raised to 700 millions.

In effect, it was 1,300 millions, something like a quarter of Canada's national income, which is rising rapidly, and in 1941/42 war expenditure is to be 1,450 million dollars.

Total expenditure will be 1,918 millions, over £35 per head of population, man, woman and child.

The corresponding figure in Great Britain is £94 per head. "Canada is high among industrial nations and is the third largest exporter in the world and the largest exporter of wheat and non-ferrous metals."

Equal To Italy

"The national income of Canada is equal to Italy's and a quarter of that of Germany and Austria together."

Total production in the Dominion is said to be 70 per cent. higher than in 1918, when the Dominion war effort was at its peak.

"The flow of food, raw materials and manufactures makes Canada a granary, mine and arsenal alike to the British Commonwealth," British Wireless.

EDUCATION AFTER THE WAR

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TOLD THE LONDON BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS THAT PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE EDUCATIONAL PLANNING WOULD SOON BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITIES AND TEACHERS.

Three main lines of advance, to be undertaken as soon as possible after the war, would be,

Firstly, raising of the school leaving age to 15 without exemptions.

Secondly, establishment of day continuation schools.

Thirdly, reform and expansion of the secondary school system.

Referring to religious teaching in schools, the President said there was growing unity among religious bodies and indications that the cause of Christian education would no longer be injured by controversies between the Christian communities. — British Wireless.

PLACE OF FORMOSA IN SCHEME

Formosa is to be the "heart" of Japan's "southward movement," according to Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Governor-General of Formosa.

He is quoted in a despatch from Moji, the Japanese seaport, as saying that with this object "facilities for the industrialisation of Formosa will be completed as soon as other measures being carried out are ended." — Reuter.

CHALK WAR IN FRANCE

The chalking of inscriptions on walls in unoccupied France — described as the "chalk war" — is the only form of public discussion possible, according to the Swiss newspaper "St. Galler," which says:

"It is a soundless war between Storm Troops, Party functionaries and the masses."

The French Popular Party chalk inscriptions praising Pétain and Doriot or against the Jews while supporters of General de Gaulle simply chalk the letter "V" or the Gaullist cross.

Praise of the British Royal Air Force, in "Vive R.A.F.," is often to be seen.

Notices are now often stuck on landings to prevent them being chalked upon and on hoardings in streets. The inscription of "Vive Pétain" is never defaced.

The Swiss newspaper says: "Pétain condemns the chalk war but the chalk war respects him." — British Wireless.

"REBUILD LONDON AS WAR MEMORIAL"

WHAT WILL LONDON look like when it is rebuilt after the war? Statements by four of the men who will be closely concerned with this reconstruction provide a clue:

Lord Reith, Minister of Works and Buildings: It is stupid to say planning is not necessary in a city which has spread tentacles of desecration over so vast an area of green fields.

Mr. Emil Davies, chairman of the L.C.C.: You must have space at all costs. Warehouses should go from the centre. We want garden cities, not skyscrapers.

Mr. Charles Latham, leader of the L.C.C.: Let us not be mere copyists, seeking to reproduce old buildings, however beautiful. Let our buildings express the aspirations of our own time.

Sir Giles Scott, the architect: We must have greater simplicity of control. Under our present system no scheme can escape being stripped of its virtues. We must be bold and trust the experts.

These points were made at a "Building the New London" lunch held by Foyle's at Grosvenor House. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wilkinson, who presided, said the City Corporation were anxious to cooperate with Lord Reith.

Mr. Emil Davies said that steam trains should be banned from

London as they are from New York, and private owners of land must not be allowed to frustrate the plans of authorities.

Mr. Latham protested against the way factories, bungalows and shacks had been allowed to litter the sides of new arterial roads. Peace should be commemorated not with hundreds of individual war memorials but with a new London that should be an everlasting memorial to the glory of the people of London.

The Institute of Structural Engineers is considering the appointment of an expert committee to make recommendations for post-war housing.

Post-War Housing

Post-war towns of concrete houses were envisaged by Mr. W. Cyril Cocking in a paper read to the Institute of Structural Engineers in London.

"The urgent necessity to re-house large numbers of people when the war is over," he said, "will create an acute shortage of bricks and seasoned timber, whereas there will be a ready supply of cement and steel."

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NEVILLE STACK IS FLYING AGAIN

Captain T. Neville Stack, flight superintendent and chief test pilot to a Midlands aircraft firm, who broke one leg in five places and the other in three when a plane he was testing crashed in July, 1939, is flying again.

His "B" pilot's certificate, granted in 1919, has been restored. In 1926 he made the first long distance light aeroplane flight from London to India. Both his sons are in the R.A.F.

STRIKERS WARNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HARRY TRUMAN, U.S. SENATE INVESTIGATOR, YESTERDAY THREATENED CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AGAINST DEFENCE STRIKES, ESPECIALLY THE MACHINISTS' WALK-OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHIPYARDS, WHICH HAVE MORE THAN \$500,000,000 WORTH OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

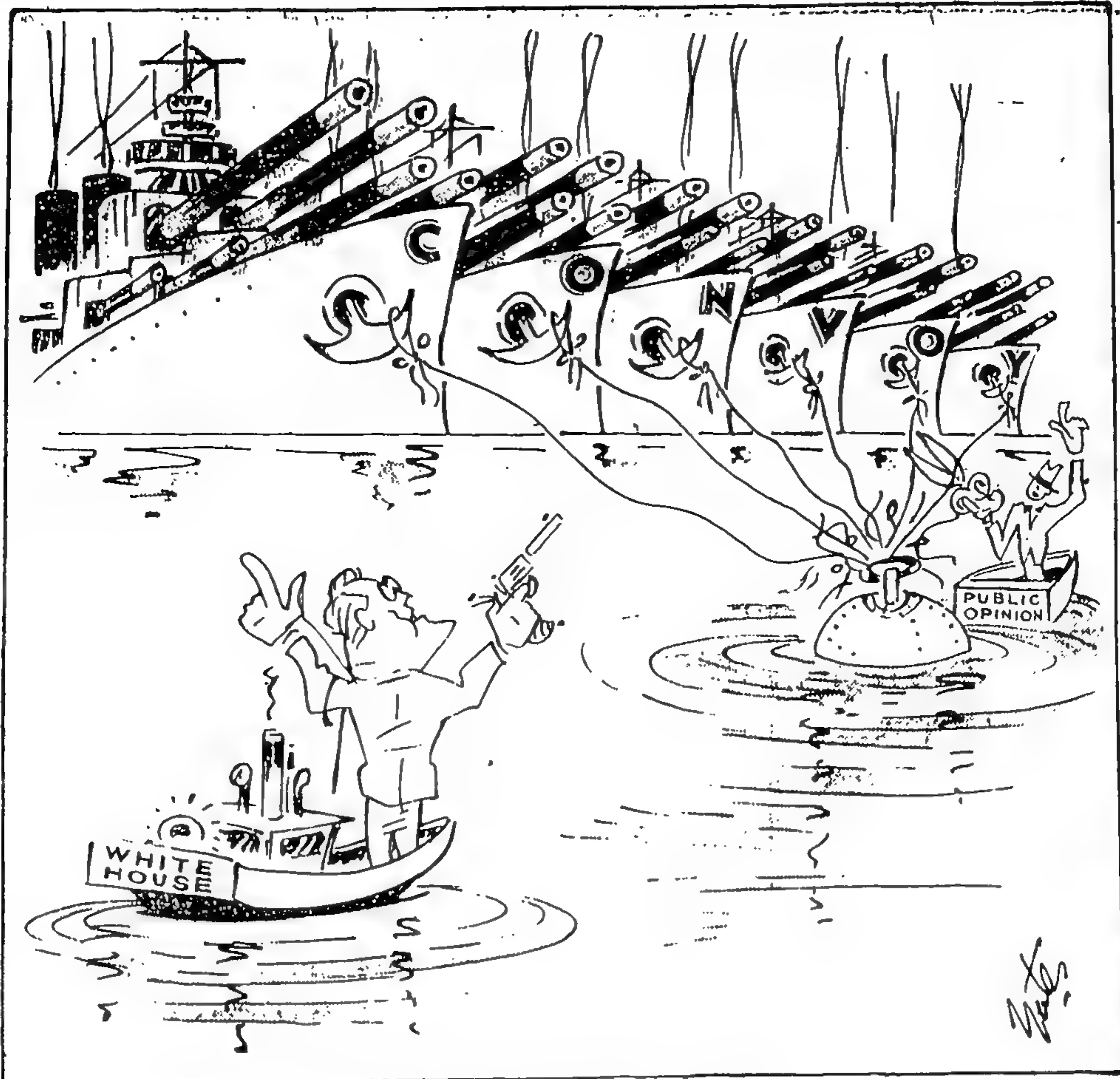
Meanwhile it was announced in Detroit yesterday that some 160,000 General Motors workers will strike on Thursday unless an agreement is reached.

A strike would not affect the Corporation's defence contracts, that union added, though this is denied by Corporation officials. — International News Service.

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POST-WAR PLANNING

A nation passing from war to peace is exposed to two dangers. One is that the mere mass of the tasks of reorganisation may be too much for its constructive capacity, worn and tired as it is by the strain of an arduous effort. The other is that concentrated exertion is apt to be followed by reaction. The tension of war is a stimulus. In a sense the ordinary man lives above and beyond himself in an atmosphere of duty and action; when the tension is relaxed there is a certain nervous weakening; the rigid discipline of the war becomes hateful to mind and memory; there is a strong disposition to return to normal habits of life. Of this reactionary temper there was a striking illustration after the Napoleonic wars. In 1816 the House of Commons repealed the income tax, which Pitt had introduced in 1799, and passed a resolution that all the records should be destroyed. There were illustrations after the last war. A notable example was the fate of the inter-Allied organisations. In the autumn of 1918 the British Foreign Office urged that for some time after the conclusion of peace a nucleus of international organisation should be retained and that the machinery of the blockade should be superseded by a system of international economic control. During the post-war period this organisation was to be more or less conterminous in its membership with the League of Nations. The French Foreign Office approved. Unfortunately the United States Government, to the great disappointment of Colonel House, replied, through Mr. Hoover, refusing not only to agree to these proposed improvements but also to continue collaboration with these inter-Allied bodies. This decision robbed the Peace Conference of most necessary guidance and was one of the causes of the tragical failure of the League of Nations. In both these cases there were no doubt powerful interests hostile to reform, but there was also the rebound of strong instincts from a discipline accepted under the pressure of danger. The ordinary Englishman suspected the Government in 1816; the ordinary American suspected Europe in 1918. As soon as the war was over those suspicions governed their conduct.



WAITING THE SIGNAL

LAND POWER versus SEA POWER

By
Lord Strabolgi

History is repeating itself in the present war. The great Napoleon had his Continental system which he organised after his armies had conquered a great part of Europe and his diplomacy, backed by force, had succeeded in neutralising or bringing into active alliance the rest of the European Continent. He was then faced by Britain only able to exercise sea power for a period. Today the German publicists speak of their Continental system and taking as an example the success of diplomacy supported by violence in the Balkans, declare that sea power can be beaten. Even if the supreme ordeal of an attempted invasion of the British Islands is not accepted, the German High Command believes it can so injure British seaborne trade as to be able to force a decision. Considering for a moment the experience of the past, the time came when Napoleon's power was

It is satisfactory, therefore, to see that Lord Reith has large and comprehensive views, that the Government is impressed by the character of the problem, that it is not afraid of bold plans for economic and administrative reform, that it is agreed on the necessity for a central planning authority. Lord Reith's immediate arrangements, too, are promising. He is having the circumstances of three bombed towns closely investigated, to find what light they throw on his general problem. He is making use of experience and intelligence drawn from different fields. His own energy is a guarantee that any task that falls to his department will be handled with vigour. We must hope that the same sense of urgency will inspire all the Ministers on whose initiative these schemes apparently depend.

weakened by unrest and even active revolt among the conquered peoples. When this uprising became active enough in Spain, Britain, by the use of sea power, was able to send assistance and, indeed, to build up a considerable army, and create a new and exhausting theatre of war for France. The time is approaching when British armaments will have reached such proportions that any revolting people which can be communicated with by sea will receive considerable British help.

The position of Britain vis-a-vis the German Continental system is stronger relatively than it was during the Napoleonic era because the Colonies of those days have now grown into great Dominions with large resources and important engineering industries, and because the whole of the North American Continent has been industrialised and developed and is giving great help of all kinds to the British Isles.

To what extent can the Germans and Italians hope to cut off this assistance from overseas by the use of submarines and raiding warships? There is no doubt that great efforts have been made in Germany particularly to build large numbers of submarines and the German naval authorities have concentrated on a smaller type of under-water craft capable only of comparatively short sea voyages but nevertheless suitable for operating from the French harbours and reaching the Atlantic trade routes, particularly from Brest and the French ports in the Bay of Biscay. The difficulty will be to provide sufficient trained crews for this enlarged submarine flotilla. Submarines were only built for the modern German Fleet after 1933 so that only about six years have been available for training the personnel.

In the World War of 1914-18 Germany started with a large and highly trained submarine flotilla and the German Fleet had had experience with this type of craft for some 15 years. Even so, great difficulties were experienced in efficiently manning the German submarines in the last war particularly during its later stages. Several years of practice and experience are required to make a good submarine commander. The duties are so exacting and so much skill is required to use a peris-

cope efficiently that only a comparatively small number of naval officers of any nation ever become submarine captains of the first order. The work of every member of the crew is highly specialised and at least two years intensive training is required for the key men in the crew, who number about one-third of the complement.

Supposing, however, these difficulties are overcome, British counter-measures are increasing in efficiency. An immense British programme of building anti-submarine warships had been embarked on before the present war broke out and it was expanded and speeded up with the outbreak of hostilities. This programme is beginning to bear fruit. Again, the expansion of the flying services available for the defence of seaborne trade is very great. Very large numbers of long range aircraft of improved efficiency and speed are coming into service.

Very large figures have been given for the production of new German submarines during recent months. The shipbuilding yards in Germany or under German control have a large capacity, and this is known with considerable accuracy. The figure of 600 which has been given by some observers, is quite outside the capabilities of these shipbuilding resources. It would be a very great achievement if even 200 new submarines, large and small, had been completed since the war began.

As for the attack on commerce raiders, such as the damage done to a large convoy in Mid-Atlantic by the heavy German cruiser, Hipper recently, we need not under-estimate the seriousness of it. The German Admiralty had building at the beginning of the war two battleships, the Bismarck and the Tirpitz. These may have been completed and put into commission by now. They are powerful vessels, of high speed, and no doubt they could be sent out into the Atlantic by way of the Norwegian coast and thus hope to evade the British Home Fleet. While their fuel lasted, they could prove a serious menace to convoys in mid-ocean. This, again, is an example of history repeating itself. During the long wars between England and France in the sailing-ship era, the French frequently concentrated on commerce attack and used for the purpose the largest warships of the day. The answer was to concentrate the trade in very large convoys and to escort these with squadrons of battleships. Though methods have changed, the principles of strategy remain the same.

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BANK HEAVILY FINED: EXCHANGE TRANSACTION

THE BANK OF CANTON, Limited, was fined \$5,000 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a summons under the Defence Regulation covering dealings with the enemy.

It was alleged that the bank was involved in a transfer of \$35,000 in United States currency, to the Italian Bank of China.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo pleaded guilty on behalf of the Bank, while Mr. T. J. Gould, Crown Counsel, was for the prosecution.

Mr. Gould said that certain documents were seized, cables and telegrams, between the Hong Kong Office, the Shanghai Branch and the Guarantee Trust Company of New York, about the transaction.

The prosecution asked for a severe penalty.

Mr. Lo, addressing the Court, said:

"Before I come to the facts of this case I would like to deal generally with the Bank's position in relation to the war."

The Bank is a Chinese bank, and its actions have always been guided by the conviction that the interests of China and Great Britain are bound up, and that the cause of both countries is identical.

Ever since the European war started, the Bank has fulfilled its duties in financial business in Hong Kong irrespective of any period of tension or depression through which the Colony has passed.

It has consistently supported generously all war efforts and charities. I may mention that only quite recently this Bank and its Chief Manager, and Assistant Chief Managers, contributed liberally towards the purchase of mobile canteens to Great Britain for which the thanks of the Secretary of State for the Colonies were received through H.E. the Acting Governor.

In regard to the last issue of Hong Kong Government bonds it was one of the few banks in Hong Kong which responded to the issue, and took up bonds to the value of half a million dollars. Its pro-Ally feelings and support are well known. I understand that Government fully accepts this position.

Coming now to the facts,

The Facts

The Bank was re-organised in 1936. Most of its officers have come from the North. As your worship may know, concerns like this Bank always regard the assets of its branches as being absolutely separate and distinct from one another, and from the Head Office.

On account of the political situation, the Shanghai Office in 1938, transferred all its liquid assets to Hong Kong, with the request that the Hong Kong office should send them to America and hold them on behalf of the Shanghai branch.

When the telegram was received asking the Bank to charge the Shanghai branch with G\$35,000 and pay to the Guarantee Trust of New York, for account of the Italian Bank for China in Shanghai, this was received and attended to by the department concerned as a matter of routine.

The Assistant Manager had some idea that the Hong Kong office should have no dealings with the Italian Bank. But he thought that as the assets were those of the Shanghai office, and as the Hong Kong office had to pay out according to Shanghai directions he wired back that the Bank could only wire to pay the Guarantee Trust but could not mention for whose account. As the result of censorship requirements owing to the War, all telegrams have to be in plain language and be censored.

Openly Sent

All the telegrams in this case were openly sent and your Worship will appreciate that this fact is strong evidence that the Bank did not appreciate the legal position, and had no mala fides.

After these cables, the Hong Kong office then learnt that the payment was made as part of an exchange transaction. If the Shanghai office had not carried out this transaction numerous other banks in Shanghai could have done so. But the Hong Kong office has now given the strictest instructions that there should be no such transactions in the future.

Directly the proper officer of the Crown wrote to the Hong Kong office asking if a remittance had been made to the Italian Bank, the Hong Kong office made the fullest disclosure, and has given the fullest information to the authorities.

This action is all the more to be deplored because, as early as January 11, 1939, i.e. eight months before the war broke out, the Hong Kong office had instructed the Shanghai office not to deal with the Italian Bank, and the Shanghai office on January 16, 1939, had reported that they would have no more dealings with them.

Difficult Position

Had the Assistant Manager realised the position and consulted the Chief Manager, as he should have done, this case would not have arisen.

Before I conclude, may I say one word as to the extraordinarily difficult position in which the Bank finds itself vis-à-vis its branch in Shanghai. Although the Bank, being incorporated in Hong Kong and with its Head Office in Hong Kong is, for the purpose of Hong Kong legislation, deemed to be a British subject, yet its branch is not and has never been regarded as a British subject by the British Authorities in Shanghai for any purpose whatsoever.

It was on this ground that the British Authorities refused to intercede on behalf of the Bank when the Hankow branch was taken possession of by the Japanese. For the same reason, whilst all other British banks and institutions are kept fully informed of the requirements of British laws by the British Embassy, no such assistance was ever given to the Shanghai Office.

I have told Your Worship that it was an exchange for another. In this case, Chinese National dollars were given in exchange for American dollars. I have told Your Worship that these American dollars actually belong to the Shanghai Office. I understand that in the International Settlement, the buying and selling of foreign exchange as well as other commodities are free and without any restriction of any kind.

Disclosure Of Principals

Such transactions are usually done through exchange brokers, in which neither the seller nor the buyer is known one to the other until the contract is actually tendered by the broker. Had the Shanghai Office repudiated its bargain on ascertaining that the buyer was the Italian Bank, the branch could have been sued in the Chinese Courts and its offices might be subject to actual violence. And the same transaction could have been and would have been carried through by another bank.

May I make one last point. Suppose the Shanghai office had cabled to Hong Kong merely instructing the Hong Kong office to cable the Guarantee Trust to place the amount at the disposal of the Shanghai office, nothing would have happened. For reasons already explained, the British Authorities in Shanghai did not seek to restrict the dealings of the Shanghai office "for the simple reason that it is not regarded as a British subject. I do, therefore, submit that in this sense what the Hong Kong office has done is a mere technical offence. But in spite of this totally unsatisfactory position and merely out of its desire to promote the Allied cause, the Hong Kong office has already given very strict instructions to the Shanghai office as well as other branches to have no further dealings of this kind."

On behalf of the Bank, I tender its sincere regrets, and in view of the Bank's record, and its attitude and convictions, I ask Your Worship to bear these facts in mind in considering what penalty to impose.

R.A.F. PLANE CRASHES ON HOUSES

A British aircraft, believed to have been piloted by a Czech and stated to have been flying apparently upside down, crashed on to some houses in Saint Clements Road, Bournemouth.

The occupant of the houses was injured and taken to hospital.

The plane, which appeared to be in the middle of a roll, became wedged on the houses.

JOCKEY CLUB'S GIFTS

It is announced that the Stewards of The Hong Kong Jockey Club have voted the following charitable donations for the current year:—

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| Diocesan Schools & Orphanages | 3,500 |
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| Sailors Home and Missions to Seamen | 2,000 |
| The Salvation Army | 2,500 |
| Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals | 1,500 |
| Tung Wah Hospital | 2,500 |
| Society of St. Vincent de Paul | 2,500 |
| Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children | 4,000 |
| Poppy Day Fund | 3,000 |
| Sailors and Soldiers Home | 2,000 |
| Children's Playgrounds Association | 1,500 |
| St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade | 2,000 |
| St. Louis Industrial School | 1,000 |
| Society of St. Vincent de Paul—Blind Home | 1,000 |
| Cheer-O Club | 1,000 |
| Cheer-O Club—Building Fund | 1,000 |
| The Boy Scouts Association Hong Kong Branch | 1,000 |
| Canossian Convent | 500 |
| The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association | 1,250 |
| Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association | 500 |
| Social Service Centre of the Churches | 1,000 |
| Hong Kong Refugee and Social Welfare Council | 500 |
| Po Leung Kuk | 1,000 |
| Taiipo Rural Home & Orphanage | 250 |
| Total | \$55,500 |

FIRST TO WIN HONOUR

Miss Rosabel Hsu, who passed the Trinity College of Music (London) examinations held recently in Hong Kong and won the Fellowship (F.T.C.L.), is the third daughter of the late Mr. George Hsu, noted Chinese jurist, who passed away here last autumn.

Miss Hsu is the first Chinese to gain this honour.

Miss Hsu has accepted an invitation from musical circles in Shanghai to give a performance. Prior to her departure, she plans to hold a concert in Hong Kong.

Miss Hsu is also planning to go to the United States for further musical studies.

Miss L. Dudley, of No. 72, Dina House, Duddell Street, has reported the theft of money and jewellery, to the value of \$405, between Sunday night and Monday morning.

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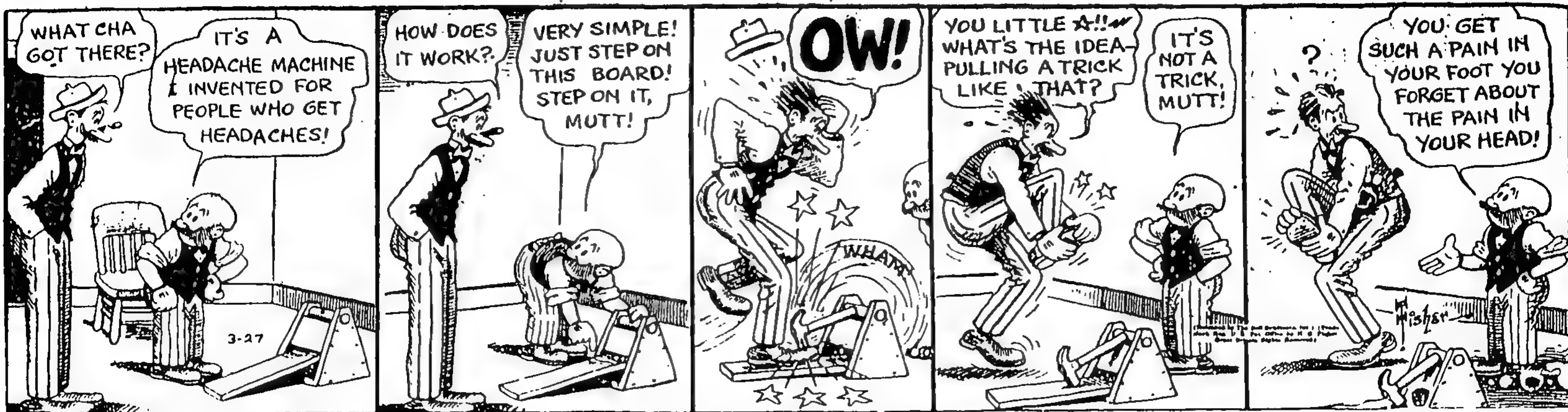
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



EVIDENCES OF FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITY IN IRAQ

A VIVID ACCOUNT of widespread Fifth Column activities by enemy agents in Iraq, which led to the outbreak of hostilities between the British and the Raschid Ali clique, was given yesterday by two Mexican artistes who have arrived in Bombay from Basra.

The artistes, who had been in Iraq six months, said they could detect no anti-British feeling among the people when they went to the country.

Majority of the people of Iraq looked at the coup d'etat by Raschid Ali with a good deal of suspicion and uneasiness. They could never expect the new regime actually to involve them in war with the British.

Baghdad was a hotbed of espionage and enemy propaganda, according to the artistes.

Casino Women

In a certain casino in Baghdad there were a large number of

women of foreign nationalities who passed off as artistes but who could neither sing nor dance. It was generally believed some of them at least were engaged in political espionage.

The Mexican artistes actually left Basra the day Raschid Ali's forces started hostilities at Habbaniyah.

They are firmly convinced that widespread Fifth Column activity was mainly responsible for the present trouble in Iraq. Reuter.

AMERICAN STEAMER SEIZED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese military in Shanghai yesterday seized an American-owned coastal steamer, the Estelle, while the crew were unloading a cargo of cotton carried through the Japanese blockade.

The U.S. consulate is expected to protest to Tokyo.—International News Service.

WAICHOW CAPTURE CLAIMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese claim to have cut another route for supplies to the Chinese Government at Chungking.

Claims are made in an official Japanese announcement in Canton which says that Japanese army and navy forces yesterday afternoon almost simultaneously captured the towns of Waichow and Poklo, both of which are to the south-east of Canton.

Waichow, which has 60,000 inhabitants, is at the confluence of the East and Mitangshui Rivers.

Poklo was taken by the Japanese when they attacked Canton but was later abandoned as being unimportant.—Reuter Special.

TERRORISTS HANDED OVER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai Municipal Police yesterday handed four Chinese terrorists and a woman into the custody of the Japanese military.

The step followed the terrorists' confession that they had taken part in the bombings of the Nan-king-sponsored Central Reserve Bank on February 28, when four bombs were hurled inside the bank premises and a bodyguard was shot dead.

Further investigations are proceeding by the police in an effort to round up the others.—International News Service.

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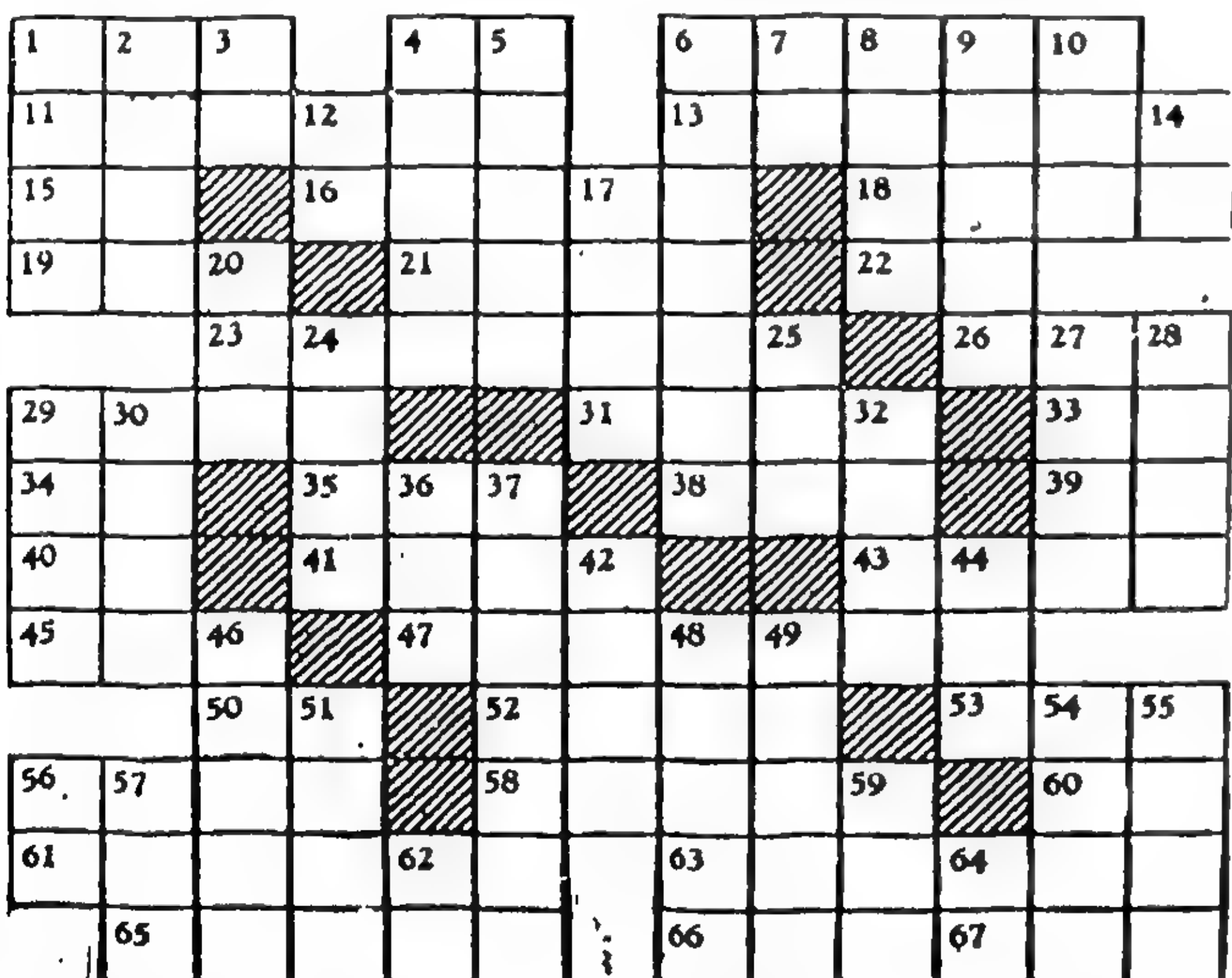
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Period of time
- 4 To exist
- 6 To talk foolishly
- 11 Short poem
- 13 To reprimand
- 15 By
- 16 Egg-shaped
- 18 Paradise
- 19 To employ
- 21 Epic poem
- 22 Toward
- 23 Asserted
- 26 Rodent
- 29 List
- 31 Deliberate slight
- 33 Note of scale
- 34 King of Bnshan
- 35 To sink
- 38 Beverage
- 39 Land measure
- 40 Pronoun
- 41 Woody plant
- 43 Hoar frost
- 45 Footlike part
- 47 To agree
- 50 Colloquial father
- 52 Apportions
- 53 Taper
- 59 To leave out

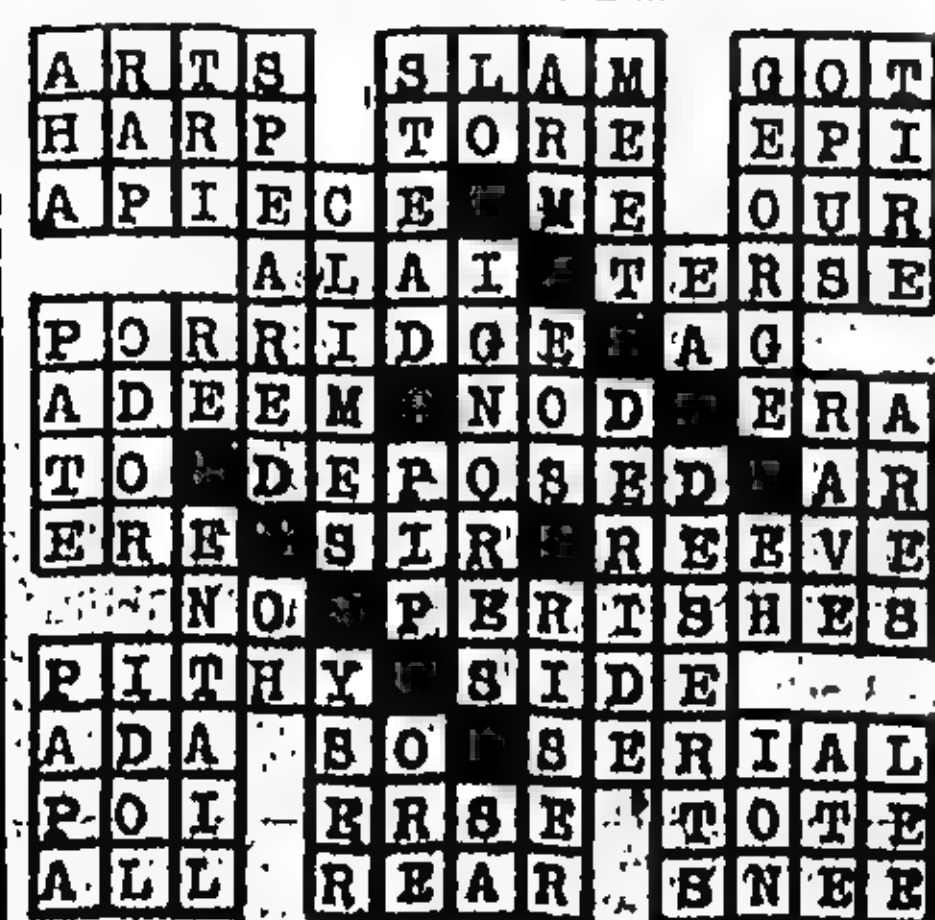
VERTICAL

- 58 Japanese scapout
- 60 Six
- 61 Malaysian garment
- 63 To save
- 65 To requite
- 66 Teutonic deity
- 67 Part of "to be"

- 1 Son of Isaac
- 2 Decays
- 3 Article
- 4 Oblique
- 5 Public warehouse
- 6 Gift
- 7 Note of scale
- 8 To aid
- 9 English royal line

- 10 To obtain with difficulty
- 12 Negative
- 14 Printer's measure
- 17 Wearing apparel
- 20 To devour
- 24 Final
- 25 Owing
- 27 First man
- 28 Ripped
- 29 To play boisterously
- 30 Curved molding
- 32 Stable
- 36 Part of a circle
- 37 Science of the structure of the earth
- 42 Man's name
- 44 Pronoun
- 46 Pinnacle
- 48 To gaze
- 49 Glacial ridge
- 51 On top of
- 54 Finished
- 55 Occasion
- 56 Bone
- 57 To disfigure
- 59 Paid notice
- 62 Symbol for sodium
- 64 Babylonian deity

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



AMAZING NORWEGIAN DEMONSTRATION

LOFOTEN FISHERMEN have threatened to destroy their nets and cease fishing altogether if any more of their houses are destroyed by the Germans who are burning them as reprisals for the British raid, it was learned in London yesterday.

An amazing demonstration of Norwegian solidarity with the British occurred at a recent funeral of three British airmen shot down during a raid.

Although the lonely island was chosen for the burial and the date and place were kept secret, it leaked out and was passed on by word of mouth.

When the cortege arrived at the tiny island, the Germans were astonished to find that hundreds of people who had crossed in scores of small boats, were lining the graveside, according to a message to the Norwegian Telegraph Agency. — Reuter

NAZIS DEMAND PASSAGE

The Germans are reported to be pressing the Vichy Government for permission to use the Pau-Saragossa railway to convey German troops to Spain.

This is because the Bordeaux-St. Sebastian line, in occupied territory, is inadequate for carrying troops in large numbers, say the Independent French Agency's correspondent on the French frontier.

THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THE GERMANS INTEND IMMEDIATE USE OF THE PAU LINE, EVEN IF VICHY AGREES. BUT THEY HAVE MADE THE REQUEST APPARENTLY TO CONVINCE THE VICHY GOVERNMENT THAT GENERAL FRANCO HAS ASSENTED TO THE PASSAGE OF GERMAN TROOPS THROUGH SPAIN.

Marshal Petain so far does not seem to have consented. — Reuter.

ICELAND PAYS A TRIBUTE

NEWSPAPERS IN ICELAND COMMENTED ON SATURDAY ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRITISH OCCUPATION AND SHOWED SATISFACTION AT THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS AND APPRECIATION OF BRITISH WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO THE ICELAND POINT OF VIEW.

"Timinn" says: "The behaviour of the soldiers has been noble and gentlemanly. They have tried to recognise and honour our national pride and patriotism."

"Visir" says: "Daily relations during the past year have, on the whole, been good. The British have shown greatness by yielding to our wishes on many points."

"Nothing in the behaviour of the British has evoked as kindly feelings in the hearts of Icelanders than the consideration shown us on our National Day."

"While the British forces stay here, let us do our best to further good relations." — British Wireless.

AMBASSADOR SAYING FAREWELLS

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, outgoing American Ambassador to China, in Chungking yesterday bid farewell to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, yesterday.

In the evening he had supper with Mr. Lin Sen at the latter's villa in the Chungking suburbs. He will bid farewell to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day. — Central News.

FRENCH GRAIN CROP RUINED?

Moscow radio said yesterday that half the grain crop in unoccupied France has been destroyed owing to late frost, according to a Reuter despatch from the Soviet capital this morning.

U.S. PROMISES OF ARMED AID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, has told Latin-American naval chiefs that the U.S. is prepared to send their nations full military assistance in defending the western hemisphere against an attack from Europe or Asia. — International News Service

INDO-CHINA SOLD OUT TO JAPAN BY VICHY

IN LESS THAN A YEAR, Indo-China has lost territorial integrity, economic independence and freedom of diplomatic action, contrary to the honourable undertaking of the Vichy authorities, who proclaimed themselves defenders of the integrity of the French Empire.

This is the view of Free French circles in London on the recently concluded Franco-Thai Peace Treaty.

They recall that in September, last year, Vichy concluded with Tokyo, despite protests from Chungking and Washington, an agreement whereby Vichy ceded to Japan the right to establish military, naval and air bases in Indo-China and also facilities for military operations against China.

Tokyo interpreted the agreement as Vichy's recognition of Japan's hegemony in the Far East.

A few months later Japan delivered an ultimatum in the form of mediation between Thailand and Indo-China. Vichy, isolated in the Pacific, gave way again, ceding to Thailand a part of Laos and Cambodia in spite of the disapproval of the local authorities and population.

Japanese Colony

By the economic agreement concluded on May 6, Indo-China has been virtually made Japan's colony for exploitation.

Among other things it is stipulated that principal Japanese products be exempted from duties

in Indo-China. Japanese firms be admitted into the Federation of Indo-Chinese Importers and Exporters, Japanese capital be used to operate agricultural, mining and hydraulic concessions, and all economic problems be settled by periodical conferences.

The recent peace treaty together with the economic agreement has ended the independence of Indo-China and also France's position in the Far East. Such is the price paid by Vichy as a result of capitulation to Japan. — Central News.

HELLENIC ORGANISATION

An overseas Hellenic National Committee has been officially created in Egypt under the Central Government of Crete.

Similar committees will be formed very shortly in North and South America, South Africa and Australia, where there are large Greek communities anxious to contribute to the struggle. — Reuter.

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PARLIAMENT'S NEW HOME READY

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(By Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent)

The extensive damage done to the House of Commons will make necessary the use of a replica of that Chamber which has existed elsewhere for some time past and which actually has been used on a number of occasions for full meetings of the Commons.

The reserve Chamber is smaller than the original Commons. The Speaker's chair, the green benches and gangways familiar to visitors to the old Commons, are reproduced in form, though the familiar green leather is replaced by green cloth.

FRANCO MOVES AGAIN

Following his recent far-reaching administrative changes, General Franco yesterday issued a number of decrees making changes in high Army posts.

These include the appointment of General Asencio Cabanillas, hitherto High Commissioner to Spanish Morocco, to be Chief of Staff.

A new Commander-in-Chief, Balearic Islands, is also appointed, General Gonzalez replacing General Kindelan, who takes command of the fourth region of Spain.

General Miguel Ponte, hitherto general commanding the army in Morocco, is made Captain-General. —Reuter.

The Press sit at the opposite end of the Chamber from that to which they are accustomed, sharing available space with diplomats who formerly had their own very exclusive gallery.

Another site is ready and complete in every detail and has been well tested in debates which have taken place there.

There is a similar reproduction of the House of Lords in existence which has also met already in its new surroundings. —Reuter.

GEN. DE GAULLE IN BRAZZAVILLE

General de Gaulle attended a Joan of Arc memorial service at Brazzaville yesterday. He also reviewed troops and conferred decorations, states Brazzaville radio. —Reuter.

SPAIN AND VICHY IN CONSULTATION

The French Ambassador in Madrid, M. Pietri, returned to Spain yesterday from Vichy where he had a talk with Marshal Petain. —Reuter.

Italian Morale Lowered

Despite bad weather the British forces in the southern sector of Abyssinia are following up their successes while strong pressure is being maintained by columns operating south of Addis Ababa.

The enemy's morale, according to reports received in Nairobi yesterday, is being shaken by ground strafing by the South African Air Force and attacks of various Patriot armies directed against the Italian flank and rear. —Reuter.



Big Ben, damaged, but still chiming out the time for Londoners and the B.B.C.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY INTACT STRUCTURALLY

SURROUNDED BY RUINS, West Minister Abbey to-day is structurally intact.

Examination shows that the roof was not irretrievably damaged and the organ, one of the finest in the country, is undamaged.

Four of the ancient stone arches of the Little Cloister have been damaged by fire.

Abbey music, the library and priceless parchments, and also the famous Coronation Stone, had been removed some time ago to places of safety.

Yesterday, when workmen were busy putting a temporary cover over a hole in the roof, was the anniversary of the Coronation.

Where Their Majesties the King and Queen sat in their Coronation robes beneath a lantern which is now open to the sky—was a heap of rubble and broken wood.

The seats then occupied by Peers and Peeresses and high officers of State in their colourful robes and uniforms were thick with dust which has covered everything.

THE SCENE TO-DAY IS IN-DEED A STARK CONTRAST TO THAT DAY FOUR YEARS AGO. —REUTER.

ATTACKS ON RAF BASES

It was authoritatively stated in London yesterday that while a number of R.A.F. aerodromes were attacked on Sunday night, enemy claims are as usual grossly exaggerated.

Except at one or two points damage was not considerable and the number of Service casualties was not large, though these included some killed. —British Wireless.

A Berlin claim (quoted by International News Service) said that 45 R.A.F. bases were raided.

INDISCRIMINATE AS FRENZY OF AN APE

THE WANTON ATTACK on priceless monuments of British history, such as Westminster Abbey and Westminster Hall, is still the subject of indignant comment, and photographs in the press of the damage emphasise one description that the attack on London on Saturday night was "as indiscriminate as the frenzy of an ape."

The moral of German losses is pointed by the "Evening Standard" which says: "It is probable that the Germans reckon their heavy losses in night battles throughout this month more in the numbers of airmen killed or lost than in the numbers of machines forfeited.

"These airmen were specially skilled. Indeed, constantly throughout this war, pilots have had to acquire new skill."

"Most of the German airmen were first trained for cooperation with land forces. They have since had to learn an aptitude for air warfare over the sea and by night."

"Our own night fighting pilots have been called upon to bring their prowess to a yet higher

pitch. In their hands and brains reside our most precious possessions.

Greatest Number

"Victory in the end may be achieved by the side which can mass the greatest number of skilled airmen. If that be the test we should not quarrel."

"The youth of Britain and America can outmatch that of Nazi Germany both in individual comparison and numbers. The Democracies have a potential superiority."

"It is their business, by planning training schemes on the largest and swiftest scale, to make that superiority decisive." —British Wireless.

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RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, DESERTS: LANDS IN SCOTLAND

Nazis Rush Statement Alleging Mental Disorder



Rudolf Hess, Hitler's Deputy, who has deserted the Nazis.

Nine Shot Down On Sunday

"It is now known that in Sunday night's attack on this country a total of nine enemy aircraft were destroyed," says last night's Air Ministry communique.

It added there was very little enemy activity over Britain during daylight yesterday.

Early yesterday morning bombs were dropped at a point on the south-east coast, doing little damage and causing no casualties. —Reuter.

MOSCOW CONDEMNS RASCHID

Moscow radio on Sunday night sharply criticised the attitude of Raschid Ali, the Iraqi usurper, according to Ankara reports received in Cairo yesterday.

In a broadcast for Rumania, the announcer is stated to have described the Iraqi rebels as "instruments of foreign powers."

It is understood that no reply has yet been received from Raschid Ali to Egypt's offer to mediate in the dispute with Britain. —Reuter.

President Feels "Fine"

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS "FEELING FINE," ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

Although stiff and weak from the effects of his recent stomach trouble the President was well enough yesterday to receive the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies. —Reuter.

MILITARY CONTROL IN RUMANIA

A further 17 enterprises, including the Rumanian Danube shipping company, have been brought under military control by a decree of the Rumanian Government, according to a Budapest dispatch to Berlin yesterday quoted by Reuter.

LEAVING BEHIND A FAREWELL NOTE, RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, HAS FLED FROM GERMANY AND IS NOW IN SCOTLAND. HE CRASHED FROM A GERMAN FIGHTER WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY, WOULD NOT HAVE HAD ENOUGH PETROL TO RETURN TO GERMANY.

The most amazing story of the war was told last night in a communique from No. 10, Downing Street, a few hours after Berlin had attempted to anticipate the news by stating that Hess had left a note showing traces of mental disorder and had either committed suicide or fallen from a plane.

Hess, who broke his ankle when he landed, brought photographs of himself at different ages to establish his identity, and has been recognised by several people who knew him well.

A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL HAS FLOWN TO GLASGOW TO SEE HIM IN HOSPITAL.

Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, was present at the Ministry last night when this remarkable announcement was read to representatives of the world's press in a tense atmosphere.

The earlier German announcement was obviously breaking the news to Germans that Hitler's "shadow" and successor-designate after Goering, had disappeared.

The Berlin statement said Hitler had ordered the arrest of Hess's adjutants, for not preventing or reporting his flight, and there were several attempts to suggest that Hess was suffering from mental disorder.

The following statement was issued from 10, Downing Street, at 11 o'clock last night:—

"RUDOLF HESS, DEPUTY FUHRER OF GERMANY AND PARTY LEADER OF THE NATIONAL-SOCIALISTS, HAS LANDED IN SCOTLAND IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

"ON THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY, MAY 10, HE LEFT AUGSBURG, BAVARIA, IN AN AEROPLANE FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION AND LANDED BY PARACHUTE IN SCOTLAND, SUSTAINING A BROKEN ANKLE, NECESSITATING HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

"WHEN HE WAS TAKEN HE GAVE HIS NAME AS HORN BUT LATER ON HE DECLARED HE WAS RUDOLF HESS.

"HE BROUGHT WITH HIM VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIMSELF AT DIFFERENT AGES, APPARENTLY IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH HIS IDENTITY.

"THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE DEEMED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHS OF HESS BY SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO KNEW HIM PERSONALLY.

"ACCORDINGLY, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHO WAS CLOSELY ACQUAINTED WITH HESS BEFORE THE WAR, HAS BEEN SENT UP BY AEROPLANE, TO SEE HIM IN HOSPITAL."

"Sudden Death"

This communique of Mr. Churchill followed an earlier official announcement by the National-Socialist Party issued by the German news agency.

The Nazi communique alleged that Hess met with sudden death in mysterious circumstances while on an aeroplane flight from Augsburg, Bavaria, from where he took off on May 10.

The German statement suggested that Hess was suffering from "mental disorder."

It said he "either jumped out of the plane or met with an accident," and added that Hitler has ordered the arrest of the "dead" man's adjutants.

Nazi No. 3

Forty-five years old, Hess was the Nazi number three. He has

to follow Goering as successor to Hitler in the event of their deaths.

The official National-Socialist Party announcement stated "The party member, Rudolf Hess, who, owing to his suffering from an illness of many years standing, was strictly forbidden by the Fuehrer to embark upon any further flying activity, recently again was able, contrary to orders, to get possession of an aeroplane.

"ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, AT ABOUT 6 P.M., RUDOLF HESS SET OFF ON A FLIGHT FROM AUGSBURG FROM WHICH HE HAS NOT RETURNED UP TO THE PRESENT TIME.

"A letter which Hess left behind shows by its distractedness traces of mental disorder, and it is feared that Hess was the victim of hallucinations.

Arrests Ordered

"The Fuehrer at once ordered the arrest of the adjutants of the party member who alone had any knowledge of these flights and who, contrary to the Fuehrer's orders, of which they were fully aware, did not prevent, or failed to report, these flights.

"In these circumstances it must be considered that the party member Hess either jumped out of the plane or met with an accident."

Last month Hess was reported to have flown to Spain with a message for General Franco.

Later an official denial that he was actually visiting Spain was issued, but it did not say he had not been there.

One Of Old Guard

Twelve days ago Hess was at the Nazi Brown House in Munich receiving Vice-Admiral Salvador Merino, the Spanish Minister of Marine and leader of the Spanish Falangist Syndicate.

Since the 1934 purge, when Captain Ernst Roehm and other National-Socialist Party leaders were killed on Hitler's personal intervention, the Hess affair is probably the most sensational event in German political history.

Hess is a man of imposing presence, tall, well-built and with intense, commanding eyes. He is one of the Nazi Old Guard.

Although he has never played an open part in the Nazi Cabinet, in the way of Goering or Goebbels, he has often been reported to have had great influence over Hitler.

Hitler's Decree

Addressing the German Reichstag on September 1, 1939, on the day of the German invasion of Poland, Hitler declared "Should anything happen to me, then my successor is Field-Marshal Goering and after him the party member, Hess, to whom you would then owe your duty as leader, just as you do to me."

At one time a picture of Hess was seen more often in the illustrated papers and on the screen than that of any other Nazi leader except Hitler. —Reuter.

Hitler's Shadow

HESS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "HITLER'S MAN FRIDAY" AND "HITLER'S SHADOW."

The Fuehrer had nominated him as his successor-designate after Goering. He was responsible to Hitler alone—above Himmler, Goebbels, von Ribbentrop and Goering.

Hess was Hitler's private secretary in the old Beer Cellar days and was interned with him in the Fortress of Landsberg. There he took down the first pages of "Mein Kampf" at Hitler's dictation.

When Hitler came to power, Hess, at the head of the liaison staff, brought to Hitler every bit of confidential information which Hitler required from a state about to be overrun.

100 Per Cent. Party Man

Hess spent his boyhood in Egypt and went to an English school at Alexandria. The outbreak of war in 1914 prevented him from going to an English university.

He was a 100 per cent Party man and never wore any other uniform but the brown shirt of the Storm Trooper or the black coat of the S.S., Hitler's Black Guard.

Said to be mild-mannered, Hess speaks little and acts quickly and after Hitler himself lives the most frugal life of any of the Nazi leaders. —Reuter.

"Hallucination"

The facts that the deputy specially chosen by Hitler should be suffering from "a disease which has been progressive for years," that he should be watched over by "adjutants" and should justify the fear that he was "a victim of hallucinations," seem to throw a lurid light on the Nazi regime even, as one London commentator phrased it, "to the presumption that Hess's hallucination might have taken the form that Germany could not win the war." —British Wireless.

HUGE SHIP BUILDING EFFORT BY U.S.

Eighty per cent of the total tonnage so far lost by the Allies, according to Admiralty figures, is at present under contract or construction in United States shipyards, according to figures issued yesterday by the American Bureau of Shipping.

The figures are 800 ships totalling 5,055,400 tons on May 1. —Reuter.

ARGENTINE AND NAZI REGIME

"We want no regimes which are against liberty, human dignity and Christ," declared Dr. B. E. Alvear, ex-President of the Argentine Republic and leader of the Liberals, addressing a Radical Party Convention in Buenos Aires yesterday.

The Convention is celebrating the 137th anniversary of the Argentine Assembly's adoption of the song "Liberty" as the National Anthem.

Denouncing Argentinians "who now clamour for neutrality," Dr. Alvear said they were some of the people who, some time ago, thought they could make trouble over the Falkland Islands, but that question had never ruffled Anglo-Argentinian relations and some day would be settled in the friendliest way. —Reuter.

BIG ORDER PLACED IN INDIA

Arrangements are being made with a firm in India for the supply of 3,500,000 sanitary cans, conforming to British standard specifications. It was stated in Simla yesterday. These cans can be used for foodstuffs, for which the Middle East has placed an order in India. —Reuter.

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LONDON NIGHT OF PEACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Britain's battered capital yesterday was wrapped in silence, in welcome contrast to the fearful bombing of Saturday night and Sunday morning, which reduced whole blocks to smoking ruins and crippled some of the world's outstanding historical edifices.

The stricken city, harbouring hundreds of killed or wounded and thousands of homeless, was given a surcease from suffering in a quiet night.

The sirens waited three times but no bombs were dropped. British night fighters intercepted and fought new battles with Nazi bombers which, however, failed to appear over London, International News Service.

Alert But No Bombs

Before midnight an alert was sounded in the London area last night but for sometime afterwards no raiders were heard overhead.

No Big Attack

Enemy bombers on Sunday night were reported over widely separated districts of Britain and some bombs were dropped but it appeared unlikely that a big scale attack would develop in any area. The all clear sounded in London in the early morning.—Reuter.

DEFENCE OF KEY TO PACIFIC

Mr. R. G. Menzies, at a lunch given yesterday by the National Press Club in Washington, was asked what the Australian attitude was to the maintenance of the status quo in the Pacific.

He replied: "I regard Singapore as highly important, in fact the key to the defence of the Pacific for freedom loving peoples."

"Australian policy would be dictated by what attitude any other Power adopted towards Singapore and Australia."

His country, he said, would firstly do everything to defend Australia against anyone and secondly defend that very important key, Singapore, to which they had already sent soldiers and air units.—Reuter.

SHIP SEIZURE BILL MAKES PROGRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rejecting all attempts at restriction, the U.S. Senate Committee, by 11 votes to four, yesterday approved the Ship Seizure Bill.—International News Service.

ROOSEVELT POSTPONES SPEECH UNTIL END OF MAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS CANCELLED THE ADDRESS HE WAS TO HAVE DELIVERED TO-MORROW NIGHT, WHICH ACCORDING TO PREDICTIONS, WOULD HAVE GIVEN AN ANSWER TO THE CONVOY QUESTION.

Instead, the President will give one of his fireside chats, which it is said will be of world-wide importance, on May 27, from 9.30 to 10 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

The governing board of the Pan-American Union has cancelled to-morrow night's meeting in view of the President's inability to attend owing to his recent illness.

Meanwhile Senator Burton K. Wheeler, one of the most prominent isolationists, declared "If, as reported from Britain and by newspapers and columnists in this country, the President intended a virtual declaration of war in his speech on Wednesday night, I am delighted he will be able to give further consideration to the matter."

"THIS MEANS THE PRESIDENT IS REFRAINING FROM LETTING THE WARMONGERS PUSH HIM OVER THE PRECIPICE."

Senator Barkley said: "So much has been written about the sensational things the President

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN LONDON LAST NIGHT THAT RUDOLF HESS, HITLER'S DEPUTY, IS A PRISONER, GIVES DETAILS OF THE NAZI OFFICIAL'S SENSATIONAL ESCAPE TO SCOTLAND BY PLANE.

The announcement reveals that Hess escaped in a German fighter, a Messerschmidt 110. The plane was reported by R.A.F. patrols to have crossed the coast of Scotland in the direction of Glasgow.

"Since Messerschmidt 110's have not enough fuel to return to Germany," says the official

account, "the report at first was disbelieved."

"LATER A MESSERSCHMIDT 110 CRASHED NEAR GLASGOW WITH ITS GUNS UNLOADED."

"Shortly afterwards a German officer who had baled out was found with a parachute in the neighbourhood, suffering a broken ankle."

The announcement goes on to say the officer was later identified as Rudolf Hess.

Gestapo Acts

It is the first time in this war that a high political leader has been captured.

Meanwhile, in Germany, the Gestapo have rounded up Hess's aides and co-workers on charges of failing to prevent the number three Nazi from taking off and with not reporting the flight.—International News Service.

(Full Story Will Be Found On Page Two)

JAPAN TRIES TO WRIGGLE

A number of American newspapers yesterday painted a picture of Japan seeking a peace treaty with China so as to release her forces engaged there, and as being upset by the news that Chiang Kai-shek will listen to no mediation except by the United States, which probably will not be forthcoming.

William Simms the Scripps-Howard columnist, writes: "It can be said with a considerable degree of authority that there is not a ghost of a chance of this country excepting the mediation role unless Japan agrees in advance to discuss peace on the basis of the Nine-Power Treaty."

HE ADDS: "THERE ARE STRATEGIC AS WELL AS IDEOLOGICAL REASONS WHY THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT LEND ITSELF TO A MAKESHIFT PEACE WITH CHINA."

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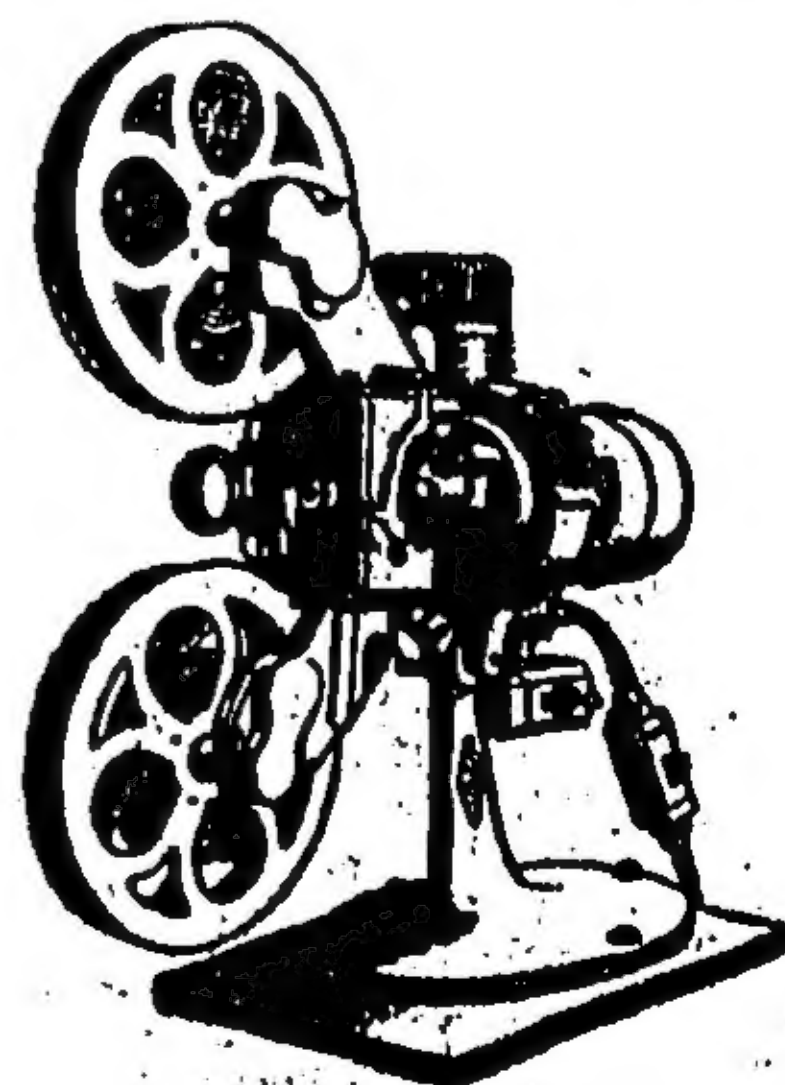
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The R.A.F.'s pounding of Hamburg and Bremen is described in London as "terrific."

Meanwhile London is still surveying the damage and casualties suffered in Saturday night's all-out German attack.

Five hospitals, countless homes, shops and stores were destroyed in addition to the damage to historic buildings.—International News Service.

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RAIDS ON BENGHAZI

Widespread Activity By R.A.F., Middle East

Situation In Iraq Stabilised

HEAVY RAIDS ON BENGHAZI, where ships were attacked and three large fires started on the Mole, were made on Sunday, stated a British R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

At Benina, three German and one other plane were set on fire while at Berka, hits were obtained on buildings north-east of the landing ground.

El Gazala was also raided.

At Derna, the landing ground, on which a number of enemy aircraft were dispersed, was attacked and motor-transport in the vicinity was bombed and machine-gunned.

Considerable damage was caused to enemy mechanised units in various places between Tobruk and Derna. One German plane, a Messerschmidt 109, was attacked and destroyed.

The communique also stated that in Iraq the "situation has become stabilised. British aircraft are engaged in punitive operations against the Iraqis in most of the districts where they were observed."

In Abyssinia, units of the South African Air Force, a Rhodesian squadron and the R.A.F. continued to harass the Italians at Gimma, Seiasamanna, Uadera and Alage. One British plane is missing from all these operations. Reuter.

tively made in Canea (Crete) yesterday. Reuter.

GREEK NAVY'S LOSSES

The Greek 9,450-ton cruiser Averof, and several destroyers and submarines are the only vessels of the Greek Navy which escaped the mass attacks of the German air force on Greek harbours and shipping.

Ships lost included three destroyers, 10 small torpedo-boats and the old battleship Kilkis, which, having no A.A. protection and being berthed at the Royal Arsenal base, sank after being set on fire during a raid.

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TWO LONDON MAYORS KILLED IN RAIDS

Two mayors have been killed in raids on London, the Mayor of Westminster on Saturday night while visiting a shelter which received a direct hit, and the Mayor of Bermondsey, who was helping in fighting fires in a recent raid. Reuter.

BENGHAZI SHELLED

During Saturday night powerful units of British light forces carried out an intense bombardment of Benghazi from point-blank range, states an Admiralty communique issued yesterday.

Damage was caused to shipping and military objectives.

Fire from shore batteries was ineffective, as were also repeated attacks by enemy dive-bombers.

No casualties or damage were sustained by any British ships. Reuter.

STOP PRESS

THE MOST SENSATIONAL STORY OF THE WAR

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"ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, AT ABOUT 6 P.M., RUDOLF HESS SET OFF ON A FLIGHT FROM AUGSBURG FROM WHICH HE HAS NOT RETURNED UP TO THE PRESENT TIME.

"A letter which Hess left behind shows by its distractedness traces of mental disorder, and it is feared that Hess was the victim of hallucinations.

Arrests Ordered

"The Fuehrer at once ordered the arrest of the adjutants of the party member who alone had any knowledge of these flights and who, contrary to the Fuehrer's orders, of which they were fully aware, did not prevent, or failed to report, these flights.

"In these circumstances it must be considered that the party member Hess either jumped out of the plane or met with an accident."

Last month Hess was reported to have flown to Spain with a message for General Franco.

Later an official denial that he was actually visiting Spain was issued, but it did not say he had not been there.

One Of Old Guard

Twelve days ago Hess was at the Nazi Brown House in Munich receiving Vice-Admiral Salvador Merino, the Spanish Minister of Marine and leader of the Spanish Falangist Syndicate.

Since the 1934 purge, when Captain Ernst Roehm and other National-Socialist Party leaders were killed on Hitler's personal intervention, the Hess affair is probably the most sensational event in German political history.

Hess is a man of imposing presence, tall, well-built and with intense, commanding eyes. He is one of the Nazi Old Guard.

Although he has never played an open part in the Nazi Cabinet, in the way of Goering or Goebbels, he has often been reported to have had great influence over Hitler.

Hitler's Decree

Addressing the German Reichstag on September 1, 1939, on the day of the German invasion of Poland, Hitler declared "Should anything happen to me, then my successor is Field-Marshal Goering and after him the party mem-

ber, Hess, to whom you would then owe your duty as leader, just as you do to me."

At one time a picture of Hess was seen more often in the illustrated papers and on the screen than that of any other Nazi leader except Hitler.—Reuter.

Hitler's Shadow

HESS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "HITLER'S MAN FRIDAY" AND "HITLER'S SHADOW."

The Fuehrer had nominated him as his successor-designate after Goering. He was responsible to Hitler alone—above Himmler, Goebbels, von Ribbentrop and Goering.

He was Hitler's private secretary in the old Beer Cellar days and was interned with him in the Fortress of Landsberg. There he took down the first pages of "Mein Kampf" at Hitler's dictation.

When Hitler came to power, Hess, at the head of the liaison staff, brought to Hitler every bit of confidential information which Hitler required from a state about to be overrun.

100 Per Cent. Party Man

Hess spent his boyhood in Egypt and went to an English school at Alexandria. The outbreak of war in 1914 prevented him from going to an English university.

He was a 100 per cent Party man and never wore any other uniform but the brown shirt of the Storm Trooper or the black coat of the S.S., Hitler's Black Guard.

Said to be mild-mannered, Hess speaks little and acts quickly and after Hitler himself lives the most frugal life of any of the Nazi leaders.—Reuter.

"Hallucination"

The facts that the deputy specially chosen by Hitler should be suffering from "a disease which has been progressive for years," that he should be watched over by "adjutants" and should justify the fear that he was "a victim of hallucinations," seem to throw a lurid light on the Nazi regime even, as one London commentator phrased it, "to the presumption that Hess's hallucination might have taken the form that Germany could not win the war.—British Wireless.

H.M. CONSULATE HIT IN RAID

The British consulate in Yun-nanfu was hit and damaged in a heavy Japanese raid yesterday. No casualties were suffered, however.—Reuter.

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R.A.F. PLAN BIG CRICKET SEASON



WHICH REIGN SAW CRICKET AT ITS BEST?

I have sometimes wondered in which reign, as the schoolboys say, and with what men, I should most like to have gone cricketing, writes R. C. Robertson-Glasgow.

Our own age is the best, no doubt; but we need not incur the charge of escapism, levelled by the angular-minded at those who play nine holes of golf or read Trollope, if we choose to imagine, for a few minutes, that we were present to hear the talk of the spectators when Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, was bowled for nought by an over-excited man in East Anglia; or that we were near at hand when, between the battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo, William Lambert, the Surrey professional, bowled a "stick" of wickets to the Reverend Lord Frederick Beauclerk, on purpose "to put him out of temper."

"Play Or Pay—"

In those days there was no penalty for bowling wickets, a pleasant and expansive state of affairs. Beauclerk did become very angry, and was soon out. The match was a two-a-side. On the morning of it, Lambert's partner, Mr. G. Osbaldeston, was ill, and wanted to postpone it. But Beauclerk said "No; play or pay." So, "Osbaldeston" toiled to the wicket, made one run, and then retired, thus securing a substitute to field. Lambert, a sort of Ajax of a man, scored 56 and 24, bowled three wickets, and caught and bowled the other. He won by 15 runs. Thus his lordship lost his temper, his wicket, the match, and the money.

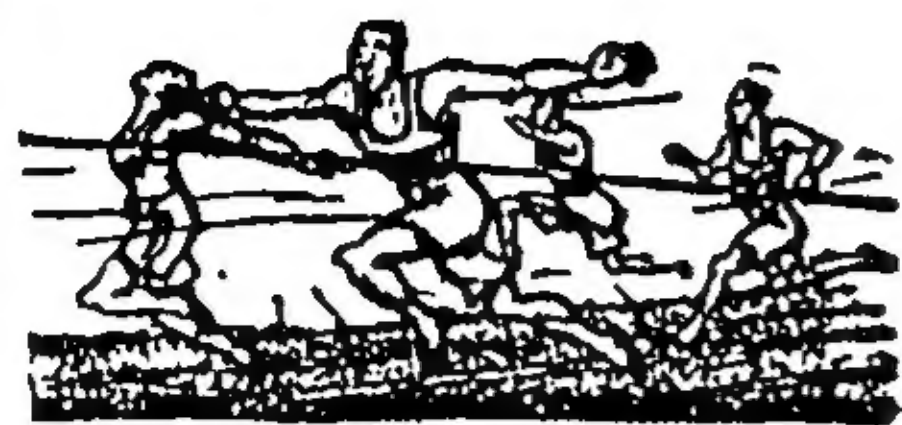
His partner was one T. C. Howard, a mere name, the phantom of an else forgotten accomplice, pale satellite of tyranny. What, I wonder, did Mr. Howard say? Was he allowed even to think? He was not consulted, I fancy, on any point of strategy. He was caught up in the clerical storm, roundly cursed, forced to lend his favourite bat, then blamed for defeat.

It always seems a little strange to me that most of those who con antiquity should fret so much about the erstwhile nature, shape, and position of buildings, and so little about the conversation of those who once laughed, worked, wept, or idled within them. These devoted students will argue for many months about the probable construction of a Forum. Many of us wouldn't give a sausage for all that, if we could only know whether that windswept gap in the corner was once full of shoppers on the verge of conflict about vegetables, while outside there stood a Roman tout passing betting-tablets and the subtlest information on the afternoon's chariot-racing. So it is, in a minor way, with cricket. Nyren and Pycroft have done their best; their penpictures of the old players are exquisitely drawn.

Practiced What He Preached

But both they, and to a greater degree, those who followed them, have sometimes allowed themselves to be drowned in a flood of mathematics about the size of wickets and balls and bats, to be parched by annalistic dust and confounded in a maze of geography. I would like to know what Mr. Osbaldeston said when that two-a-side match was over; and whether there ever passed through Lord Frederick's mind the shadow of a conviction that the ethics in his sermons were not wholly consummated by his own conduct on the field. Perhaps he didn't care.

These were the men, when history had not long staggered out of legend, with whom any one might have been happy to play. Character may sometimes have been questionable, but



ATHLETIC STARS UNFIT FOR SERVICES

One of the chief topics to-day in sporting circles is the drafting of athletes for military service, writes an American correspondent. Under the selective service law all men, which includes athletes, within certain age limits are subject to the call.

There are certain conditions under which those who come under the draft may be exempted or put in a deferred class. Those having dependents as well as those who are found to be physically under requirements come within these classifications.

When the draft boards have received the questionnaires required, those men whose numbers are next in line for service are called to appear for general examination and if they pass, they are inducted into the service.

When the ordinary citizen fails to qualify because of physical condition there is little said regarding it; but when the athlete fails it attracts much attention and causes no little surprise.

Gregory Rice is a case in point. On March 23 Greg Rice, the greatest distance runner ever produced in the United States, ran the fastest two-mile race, indoors or outdoors, ever recorded when in the Chicago indoor track, and field meet he set the sensational time of 8:51.1. His feat bettered the accepted world record of 8:56.2 which he set in 1940. It also bettered his recent 8:53.4 time for which recognition had been asked.

Physically Unfit

Yet a few days later Rice had to appear before the Draft Board for examination prior to possible induction into the Army for a year's training. The Board pronounced him physically unfit for military service, and disclosed that he was suffering from a triple hernia.

It does seem strange that a man who can be a star at baseball football or any other game should not be able to perform military service. It is hard to figure out how it is that such service should require more physical ability than is needed to take part in the strenuous exercise that sports involve.

It is gratifying to note that few indeed are the athletes who have asked to be exempted or put in the deferred class. They are glad to do their part and it does seem as if they should be accepted and given the same kind of work to perform as is given the non-athlete.

Some persons have put forth the idea that a professional athlete who is drawing a big salary can contribute more by continuing in his field of activity and so paying a large tax to the government than he can by doing military service. There may be some justification for this claim; but we fail to understand the standards whereby it can be claimed that he is not a fit subject for military service because of physical unfitness.

personality was richly varied. The cold hand of progress had not yet slapped the world into dull obediences and mass-conduct.

Others, perhaps, will praise the mid-Victorian times, when Dr. Grace was beginning that career. For me, the earliest tours abroad read very invitingly, when the hospitable "Australians" played "Rule, Britannia," as the opening English pair went out to bat. And the long trip to Australia, in spite of the waves, must have prompted, and strained, social harmony; when there was some pushing to sit next to the captain, and the first mate argued, the room empty with a dissertation on the nature of back-stopping.

Matches Against England, Empire And Army

FROM PLANS SO FAR KNOWN the Royal Air Force, more than anybody else, are preparing for a very good cricket season. Wing Commr. W. S. Dailey, Inspector of Physical Fitness, appears to be a leading light, and if all his ideas materialise, 1941 should be a grand year for Royal Air Force cricket.

While several representative matches have been arranged, notably those against the Rest of England, an Empire team, the Army and Sir Pelham Warner's Lords XI, it is not the general desire to take men away from local stations for a succession of games; rather is it to get a blend of available talent in each locality, so that the "stars" appear in the same team as "novices" and provide the enjoyment on the spot.

In this way, as Wing Commr. Dailey puts it, "R.A.F. cricketers will be able to show the flag in the Provinces." Towards this end he hopes to arrange for matches in the West of England, the Midlands, and the North, apart from the games fixed for the London area.

Robbins To Captain Team

The main thought behind the Lords fixtures is charity, and when realising the number of county cricket stars, who have changed their white flanne's for Air Force blue, strong teams come to mind. No doubt Walter Hammond, who now has a commission, would have been the unanimous choice for captain of a Royal Air Force team, but he is now in the Middle East. R. W. V. Robbins, another England player, is, however, available; in fact there are many men worthy of this distinction and the honour may go round.

It is almost certain that as many men as possible will get the chance of playing in the R.A.F. teams as it is the intention to compile a central register, not only for cricket but for other games as well, so that teams may be varied.

Chances of there being a programme of inter-county matches this summer are very slender. The M.C.C. have certainly given no lead as yet, although Sir Pelham Warner, acting Secretary in the absence of Col. Rait-Kerr, is all in favour of seeing that Lords keeps the game alive.

"It is important, too, that we should keep cricket going in the schools," he added. "Last season the M.C.C. arranged 40 games with schools, and all but six were played. That will be done again because, wherever possible, we think the schoolboys should be encouraged to play cricket. Meanwhile there will be plenty of cricket at Lords this Summer, weather permitting." — Reuter.

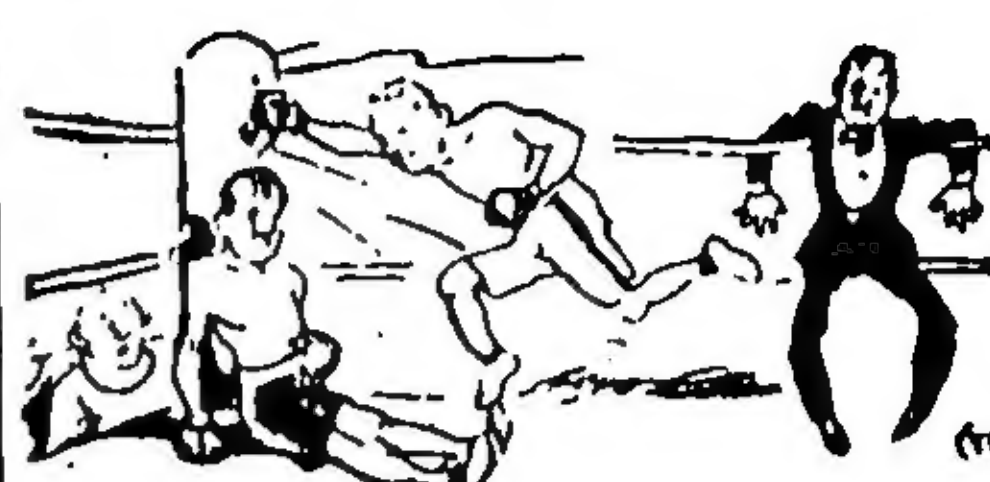
CAR IN PATH OF RACEHORSES

Not since Miss Emily Davison, a suffragette, ran on to the course at Epsom during the 1913 Derby and was killed have I seen such a strange incident on a racecourse as occurred at Plumpton recently, writes a Home correspondent.

Near the finish of the first race, a two-mile steeplechase, won by Tweed'edee II., the crowd was amazed to see a motor-car crossing the course in the path of four horses galloping at top speed.

All four swerved clear except Roman Chief, owned by Mrs. G. Nicholson. There was a violent collision and the car was overturned. Sean Magee, Roman Chief's jockey, was sent spinning into the air; his horse broke a leg, and was destroyed.

Mello Bettina, former world's cruiserweight champion, has been called up for military service. He has two brothers already in the services.



ANOTHER BOXER RETIRES

Lou Ambers has followed "Hammerin" Henry Armstrong into retirement, states a message from New York.

Beaten for the second time by Lew Jenkins, the "skinny kid" from Texas with sage brush for hair and rocks in his hands, as one American sports writer described him, Ambers has gone back to his laundry shop in Herkimer, New York, and from now on will concentrate on bringing up his young son, Anthony, to follow in his footsteps as a boxer.

Like Armstrong, Ambers went out of the fight game in a blaze of glory. Trying to "come back" as a welterweight, he found the deadly punches of Jenkins too much for him after putting up a thrilling show for six rounds, but he was still gamely trying to carry on when Arthur Donovan, heeding the frantic cries of Ambers' manager, Al Weill, to "stop it," mercifully stepped in and ended things.

The End Of The Road

With Armstrong, once holder of three world titles—featherweight, lightweight and welterweight—simultaneously, it was his eyes, badly battered from years of ring campaigning, that forced him to retire. With Ambers it was his legs. They just got tired from years of carrying Ambers around boxing rings, and simply refused to function any longer.

Ambers accepted his defeat and his exit from boxing as sportingly as he has fought all his fights.

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